



DATE: November 30, 2012

TO: Board of Water and Soil Resources' Members, Advisors, and Staff

FROM: John Jaschke, Executive Director *94*

SUBJECT: BWSR Board Meeting Notice – December 12, 2012

The Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) will meet on Wednesday, December 12, 2012, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be held in the lower level Board Room at 520 Lafayette Road N., St. Paul. Parking is available in the lot directly in front of the building (see hooded parking area).

The following information pertains to agenda items:

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Southern Water Planning Committee

1. **Olmsted County Local Water Management Plan Update** - Olmsted County submitted their Local Water Management Plan Update, a record of the public hearing, and copies of all written comments pertaining to the Update to the Board for final State review August 28, 2012. On November 1, 2012, the Board's Southern Water Planning Committee (Committee) reviewed the recommendation of the state review agencies regarding final approval of the Olmsted County Local Water Management Plan Update. The Committee recommends approval. The Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Order are drafted for the full Board to review and take action on.

DECISION ITEM

2. **Kandiyohi County Priority Concerns Scoping Document** - Kandiyohi County, as part of updating their Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan, submitted the Priority Concerns Scoping Document (PCSD) for state agency review and comment. The Board's Southern Water Planning Committee, chaired by Paul Langseth, met with Kandiyohi County on November 1, 2012, to discuss: the content of the PCSD; state agency review comments on the PCSD; and recommendations for the content of the final Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan. The Committee's recommendation for the PCSD will be provided to the full Board for review and action. The state's expectations for the final plan must be sent to Kandiyohi County. **DECISION ITEM**

3. **McLeod County Priority Concerns Scoping Document** - McLeod County, as part of updating their Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan, submitted the Priority Concerns Scoping Document (PCSD) for state agency review and comment. The Board of Water and Soil Resources Southern Water Planning Committee, chaired by Paul Langseth, met with McLeod County on November 1, 2012, to discuss: the content of the PCSD; state agency review comments on the PCSD; and recommendations for the content of the final Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan. The Committee's recommendation for the

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PCSD will be provided to the full Board for review and action. The state's expectations for the final plan must be sent to McLeod County. **DECISION ITEM**

4. **Meeker County Priority Concerns Scoping Document** - Meeker County, as part of updating their Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan, submitted the Priority Concerns Scoping Document (PCSD) for state agency review and comment. The Board's Southern Water Planning Committee, chaired by Paul Langseth, met with Meeker County on November 1, 2012, to discuss: the content of the PCSD; state agency review comments on the PCSD; and recommendations for the content of the final Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan. The Committee's recommendation for the PCSD will be provided to the full Board for review and action. The state's expectations for the final plan must be sent to Meeker County. **DECISION ITEM**
5. **Renville County Priority Concerns Scoping Document** - Renville County, as part of updating their Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan, submitted the Priority Concerns Scoping Document (PCSD) for state agency review and comment. The Board of Water and Soil Resources Southern Water Planning Committee, chaired by Paul Langseth, met with Renville County on November 1, 2012, to discuss: the content of the PCSD; state agency review comments on the PCSD; and recommendations for the content of the final Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan. The Committee's recommendation for the PCSD will be provided to the full Board for review and action. The state's expectations for the final plan must be sent to Renville County. **DECISION ITEM**
6. **Kandiyohi County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan Extension Request** - Kandiyohi County has a Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan (Plan) that will expire December 31, 2012. On October 5, 2012, the Board of Water and Soil Resources (Board) received a request for an extension of the Plan from Kandiyohi County. On November 1, 2012, the Board's Southern Water Planning Committee, chaired by Paul Langseth, met with Kandiyohi County to discuss the extension request. The Committee's recommendation will be presented to the full Board for review and action. The state's expectations for the extension request must be sent to Kandiyohi County. **DECISION ITEM**
7. **McLeod County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan Extension Request** - McLeod County has a Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan (Plan) that will expire December 31, 2012. On September 24, 2012, the Board of Water and Soil Resources (Board) received a request for an extension of the Plan from McLeod County. On November 1, 2012, the Board's Southern Water Planning Committee, chaired by Paul Langseth, met with McLeod County to discuss the extension request. The Committee's recommendation will be presented to the full Board for review and action. The state's expectations for the extension request must be sent to McLeod County. **DECISION ITEM**
8. **Meeker County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan Extension Request** - Meeker County has a Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan (Plan) that will expire December 31, 2012. On October 9, 2012, the Board of Water and Soil Resources (Board) received a request for an extension of the Plan from Meeker County. On November 1, 2012, the Board's Southern Water Planning Committee, chaired by Paul Langseth, met with Meeker County to discuss the extension request. The Committee's recommendation will be presented to the full Board for review and action. The state's expectations for the extension request must be sent to Meeker County. **DECISION ITEM**

9. **Renville County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan Extension Request -** Renville County has a Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan (Plan) that will expire December 31, 2012. On October 11, 2012, the Board of Water and Soil Resources (Board) received a request for an extension of the Plan from Renville County. On November 1, 2012, the Board's Southern Water Planning Committee, chaired by Paul Langseth, met with Renville County to discuss the extension request. The Committee's recommendation will be presented to the full Board for review and action. The state's expectations for the extension request must be sent to Renville County. **DECISION ITEM**

Metro Water Planning Committee

1. **Delivery of Conservation Services in Hennepin County** – Hennepin County intends to propose legislation to dissolve the Hennepin Conservation District directly by the legislature and not by the BWSR Board as statute currently requires. During the past ten years, the District has functioned at a low level and County staff has delivered almost all of the conservation services. The County has determined it can deliver the conservation services more efficiently, more consistently and at less cost than the District. BWSR staff have been working with County staff to develop compromise language that would keep the decision authority with the BWSR Board and ensure continued delivery of conservation services. BWSR staff recommend approval of a draft resolution that is consistent with the compromise language. The Metro Water Planning Committee met and discussed the matter with representatives from the District, the County and MASWCD. The Committee unanimously recommended inclusion on the BWSR Board meeting agenda, however no decision was made on the draft resolution. **INFORMATION ITEM**

Grants Program and Policy Committee

1. **FY2013 CWF Competitive Grants Program Funding Recommendation** – The Board authorized staff to proceed with a Request for Proposals for the FY2013 Clean Water Fund Competitive Grants on June 27, 2012. Applications were accepted from August 1, 2012 through September 14, 2012. Total applications received were 286 requesting nearly \$68 million across six grant programs. These applications were reviewed by BWSR staff and all were scored either by or with the input of staff from our partner State agencies. **DECISION ITEM**
2. **Reallocation of a Targeted Drainage Water Management Grant** – The Board authorized seven Targeted Drainage Water Management Grants on June 27, 2012. Since that time the Bois de Sioux Watershed District has declined the grant. However, the two SWCDs in the area (Lac qui Parle and Yellow Medicine) have agreed to accept the grant. The proposed action is to amend the list of grant recipients accordingly. **DECISION ITEM**

Wetlands Committee

1. **Executive Order 12-04: Supporting and Strengthening Implementation of the State's Wetland Policy** – Governor Dayton issued Executive Order 12-04 on May 3, 2012. This Order directed BWSR, in cooperation with our partner State agencies and invited stakeholders, to evaluate a series of wetland policies. Staff implemented a process to receive input from stakeholders on the issues included in the Order, as well as other issues that were identified by stakeholders. BWSR staff, in consultation with our partner State agencies developed recommendations based on stakeholder derived input as requested by the Governor. The Wetland Committee has reviewed the draft report on November 28 and will be doing so again on December 11. This report must be delivered to the Governor by December 15, 2012.

The draft report that was reviewed by the Wetland Committee on November 28, 2012 and is available on the BWSR website: http://bwsr.state.mn.us/wetlands/executive_order_12-04/. A revised draft report will be prepared and sent to all Board members on Friday, December 7. This draft report may be further modified by the Wetland Committee at its December 11, 2012 meeting. **DECISION ITEM**

2. **Wetland Banking Fee Policy Update** - BWSR collects fees for the management of the wetland banking program. Some of the fees are based on the value of the wetland credits that have been deposited into the Bank. The Board annually updates the calculated wetland values that account holders may use to pay the required fees. **INFORMATION ITEM**
3. **2013 Local Road Wetland Replacement Program Project Selection Process** — This decision item is to direct BWSR staff to develop a project selection process for utilizing \$6M in bonding money to generate wetland credits for the Local Road Wetland Replacement Program (LRWRP). BWSR is responsible for generating wetland replacement credits for use by local public transportation authorities to satisfy wetland replacement requirements of the Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. To generate wetland replacement credits, BWSR restores wetlands on private lands by obtaining easements and implementing projects as well by agreeing to purchase credits from projects conducted by private landowners through agreements with the state. **DECISION ITEM**

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Water Governance Study Recommendations** – The statutory requirement for this report is found in Minnesota Session Laws, 1st Special Session, Chapter 2, Article 4, Section 33, which reads: EVALUATION REQUIRED
(a) The Pollution Control Agency, in conjunction with other water agencies and the University of Minnesota, shall evaluate water-related statutes, rules, and governing structures to streamline, strengthen, and improve sustainable water management.
(b) The Pollution Control Agency must submit the study results and make recommendations to agencies listed under paragraph (a) and to the chairs and ranking minority party members of the senate and house of representatives committees having primary jurisdiction over environment and natural resources policy and finance no later than January 15, 2013. MPCA Commissioner John Linc Stine will present information to the Board. **INFORMATION ITEM**
2. **Clean Water Fund RIM Reserve Edge Area Eligibility and Sign-Up Procedures** – The RIM Reserve Management Planning Committee met on November 28, 2012, and recommends authorization of staff to work with Goodhue, Olmsted, Wabasha, and Winona SWCDs to implement the acquisition of RIM Reserve Wellhead Protection and Edge Area easements in the targeted areas. **DECISION ITEM**

If you have any questions regarding the agenda, please feel free to give me a call at 651-296-0878. The Board meeting is expected to adjourn about 2:00 p.m.; lunch will be provided. I look forward to seeing you on December 12th!

**BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES
520 LAFAYETTE ROAD N.
LOWER LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55155
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2012**

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

9:00 AM CALL MEETING TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 24, 2012 BOARD MEETING

PUBLIC ACCESS FORUM (10-minute agenda time, two-minute limit/person)

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

RECOGNITION OF QUENTIN FAIRBANKS

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BWSR STAFF

- Amber Steele, Board Conservationist

REPORTS

- Chair – Brian Napstad
- Administrative Advisory Committee – Brian Napstad
- Executive Director – John Jaschke
- Dispute Resolution Committee – Gerald Van Amburg
- Wetlands Committee – Gerald Van Amburg
- Grants Program & Policy Committee – Paul Langseth
- Public Relations, Outreach & Strategic Planning Committee – Keith Mykleseth
- RIM Reserve Management Planning Committee – Gene Tiedemann
- Drainage Work Group – Tom Loveall

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Southern Water Planning Committee

1. Olmsted County Local Water Management Plan Update – Paul Langseth – ***DECISION ITEM***
2. Kandiyohi County Priority Concerns Scoping Document – Paul Langseth – ***DECISION ITEM***
3. McLeod County Priority Concerns Scoping Document – Paul Langseth – ***DECISION ITEM***
4. Meeker County Priority Concerns Scoping Document – Paul Langseth – ***DECISION ITEM***

5. Renville County Priority Concerns Scoping Document – Paul Langseth – **DECISION ITEM**
6. Kandiyohi County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan Extension Request – Paul Langseth – **DECISION ITEM**
7. McLeod County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan Extension Request – Paul Langseth – **DECISION ITEM**
8. Meeker County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan Extension Request – Paul Langseth – **DECISION ITEM**
9. Renville County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan Extension Request – Paul Langseth – **DECISION ITEM**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Metro Water Planning Committee

1. Delivery of Conservation Services in Hennepin County – Jim Haertel – **INFORMATION ITEM**

Grants Program and Policy Committee

1. FY2013 CWF Competitive Grants Recommendation – Dave Weirens – **DECISION ITEM**
2. Reallocation of a Targeted Drainage Water Management Grant – Tim Gillette – **DECISION ITEM**

Wetlands Committee

1. Executive Order 12-04: Supporting and Strengthening Implementation of the State's Wetland Policy – Dave Weirens and Les Lemm – **DECISION ITEM**
2. Wetland Banking Fee Policy Update – Dave Weirens – **DECISION ITEM**
3. 2013 Local Road Wetland Replacement Program Project Selection Process – Ken Powell – **DECISION ITEM**

NEW BUSINESS

1. Water Governance Study Recommendations – John Linc Stine, MPCA – **INFORMATION ITEM**
2. CWF RIM Reserve Edge Area Eligibility and Sign-Up Procedures – Gene Tiedemann and Tabor Hoek – **DECISION ITEM**

AGENCY REPORTS

- Minnesota Department of Agriculture – Matthew Wohlman
- Minnesota Department of Health – Chris Elvrum
- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources – Tom Landwehr
- Minnesota Extension Service – Faye Sleeper
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency – Rebecca Flood

ADVISORY COMMENTS

- Association of Minnesota Counties – Annalee Garletz
- Minnesota Association of Conservation District Employees – Matt Solemsaas
- Minnesota Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts – LeAnn Buck
- Minnesota Association of Townships – Sandy Hooker
- Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts – Ray Bohn
- Natural Resources Conservation Service – Krista Olson

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Next BWSR Board Meeting – January 23, 2013

2:00 PM ADJOURN

**BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES
520 LAFAYETTE ROAD N.
LOWER LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55155
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2012**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bob Burandt, Joe Collins, Jack Ditmore, Chris Elvrum, MDH; Rebecca Flood, MPCA; Christy Jo Fogarty, Tom Landwehr, DNR; Paul Langseth, Tom Loveall, Keith Mykleseth, Brian Napstad, Faye Sleeper, MES; Steve Sunderland, Gene Tiedemann, Matthew Wohlman, Gerald Van Amburg

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Quentin Fairbanks
Sandy Hooker
John Meyer

STAFF PRESENT:

Mary Jo Anderson, Angie Becker-Kudelka, Don Buckhout, Travis Germundson, Tabor Hoek, John Jaschke, Al Kean, Mary Kells, Tim Koehler, Melissa Lewis, Greg Larson, Jen Maleitzke, Ron Shelito, Dave Weirens, Brad Wozney

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kevin Lines
Krista Olson, NRCS

Chair Napstad called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**** ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Moved by Paul Langseth, seconded by Matt Wohlman, to
12-88 adopt the agenda as presented. Motion passed on a voice vote.

**** MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2012 BOARD MEETING** – Moved by Gerald Van
12-89 Amburg, seconded by Joe Collins, to approve the minutes of September 26, 2012 as
circulated. Motion passed on a voice vote.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BWSR STAFF

- Tim Koehler, Interim RIM Coordinator

Chair Napstad congratulated Tim on his retirement from NRCS; welcomed Tim to BWSR and looks forward to working with Tim at the state level.

RECOGNITION OF KEVIN LINES' RETIREMENT

On behalf of the BWSR, Chair Napstad acknowledged Kevin Lines' retirement on October 4. In appreciation of 37 years of outstanding service to the State of Minnesota, John Jaschke and Chair Napstad presented Kevin with a proclamation recognizing his achievements in conservation, and the 'Legacy-Minnesota' print by wildlife artist Scot Storm. Chair Napstad congratulated Kevin for successful restoration and protection of the lands in Minnesota and on his retirement and thanked him for his accomplishments.

REPORTS

Chair's Report – Brian Napstad reported that he attended the EQB meeting last week; items discussed included the Governor's Executive Orders on environmental review, the controversial issue of mining frac sands and the Environmental Congress.

Chair Napstad reported that he has been attending statewide meetings on the Governor's Executive Order 12-04, discussing recommendations and modifications to the Wetland Conservation Act and other wetland programs.

Administrative Advisory Committee (AAC) – Chair Napstad reported that the AAC met this morning; items discussed included the board member appointments process, committee updates, and preliminary legislative proposals for policy and budget items. Chair Napstad reported that Board member Todd Foster resigned from the Sauk River Watershed District; thus, a vacancy on the BWSR Board. John Jaschke stated that the open appointments vacancy and application process will be followed. John stated that slot on BWSR committees will remain vacant until a new appointment is made.

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Executive Director's Report – John reported that newly hired Assistant Director Sarah Strommen will be introduced at the meeting later this morning. John reviewed information in Board Members' packets. John stated that Board Members interested in attending the MAWD, MASWCD, AMC annual meetings need to submit registration information to Mary Jo Anderson by October 26.

Dispute Resolution Committee (DRC) – Travis Germundson reported that there are currently eight pending appeals; he provided a brief status report on the appeals. Travis stated that he is working with the Attorney General's office to conduct a workshop for the DRC regarding statutory authority, management, roles and responsibilities. The workshop is tentatively scheduled for January. Chair Napstad thanked Travis for his report.

Wetlands Committee – Gerry Van Amburg reported that Wetlands Committee and staff have been attending statewide meetings regarding the Governor's Executive Order 12-04. Gerry thanked Dave Weirens and Les Lemm for their work as they compile comments from the meetings on the spirited discussions; the comments will be put into preliminary recommendations, the recommendations do not include all of the material received. Gerry stated that the information will be on the BWSR website soon. The Wetlands Committee meets on November 28; the Committee recommendations will come before the Board at the December 12 Board meeting. Chair Napstad appreciates the e-mails board members received from Gerry encouraging attendance at the meetings.

Grants Program & Policy Committee – Paul Langseth reported that the Grants Program & Policy Committee met last night; the recommendations are on the agenda later today. Paul stated that the Grants Program & Policy Committee is tentatively scheduled to meet on November 28.

Public Relations, Outreach & Strategic Planning Committee – Keith Mykleseth reported that the Public Relations, Outreach & Strategic Planning Committee met last night; discussion items included minor revisions to PRAP and the 2012 Strategic Plan Report Card. Keith stated that the Public Relations, Outreach & Strategic Planning Committee is tentatively scheduled to meet in January.

RIM Reserve Management Planning Committee – Gene Tiedemann reported that the RIM Reserve Management Planning Committee will meet in November, date to be determined.

Drainage Work Group – Tom Loveall reported that the Drainage Work Group met on October 11, 2012; he presented information discussed at their meeting. Al Kean

reported that MAWD has a drainage workshop at the start of their annual meeting on November 29. Gerry VanAmburg asked if there is a way to educate tiling applicators about conservation techniques. Al stated that BWSR and NRCS provide drainage water management using outreach opportunities through SWCDs, encouraging technical service providers (TSPs) to use more sediment control basins. Steve Sunderland stated that the SWCD and county in his area hold workshops for local contractors. Steve asked about drainage viewer qualifications. Al stated that the Minnesota Viewers Association provides training, recognizing the need to work with drainage viewers, MAWD provides thorough and consistent training. Tom stated that the lead viewer will be able to train other viewers. Al stated that the Drainage Work Group has tried to promote opportunities for training. Keith asked about groundwater recharge; Bob Burandt stated that controlled drainage would help. Matt Wohlman stated that MDA has co-sponsored statewide educational opportunities for farmers. Rebecca Flood asked about certification for viewers, clarification is needed on records authority for drainage systems. Discussion followed. Chair Napstad thanked Tom and Al for the update.

John Jaschke reported that a report is in board members' packets, providing a status update on PRAP Assistance Grants. John also reported that the BWSR Academy will be held October 29-31, near Brainerd.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Metro Water Planning Committee

Comfort Lake Forest Lake Watershed District Watershed Management Plan

Amendment – Melissa Lewis reported that the Comfort Lake Forest Lake Watershed District Watershed Management plan amendment incorporates by reference the final Engineer's Report for the Sunrise River Water Quality & Flowage Project, which was initiated by petition from Chisago County in 2010. By incorporating the Engineer's Report the amendment recognizes the project as a water resource-based program encompassing a slate of capital project and program activities, provides more detailed descriptions of each component including refined estimated construction costs, provides for the project to be implemented over a period of time, and commits the district to a public process prior to ordering and implementing individual project components. The Metro Water Planning Committee met on October 1, 2012, reviewed the information, and unanimously recommends approval of the Amendment. Moved by Bob Burandt, seconded by Faye Sleeper, to approve the Comfort Lake Forest Lake Watershed District Watershed Management Plan Amendment. Motion passed on a voice vote.

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12-90

Elm Creek WMO Plan Amendment – Brad Wozney reported that the final draft Amendment to the Elm Creek WMO Watershed Management Plan was filed with the Board on September 20, 2012. The amendment proposes to revise the implementation

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section by re-prioritizing programs and studies and adding capital improvement projects, and other implementation activities, in addition to extending the plan expiration to October 2014, the maximum timeframe of ten years allowed under statute. No comments were received during the public hearing that resulted in revisions to the draft Amendment. The Metro Water Planning Committee met on October 1, 2012, reviewed the information, and unanimously recommends approval of the Amendment. Moved by Bob Burandt, seconded by Rebecca Flood, to approve the Elm Creek WMO Plan Amendment. Motion passed on a voice vote.

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12-91

Chisago County Priority Concerns Scoping Document (PCSD) – Mary Kells reported that BWSR received the Chisago County Priority Concerns Scoping Document (PCSD) on August 10, 2012. The state review agencies were notified and submitted their comments to BWSR. The BWSR Metro Water Planning Committee met on October 1, 2012, discussed the content of the PCSD, state review agency comments and recommendations for the content of the final Plan. All required components of the PCSD have been covered and the priority concerns to be addressed are deemed to be appropriate. The Committee unanimously recommends approval of the Chisago County PCSD. Moved by Bob Burandt, seconded by Joe Collins, to approve the Chisago County Priority Concerns Scoping Document. Motion passed on a voice vote.

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12-92

Chair Napstad called for a break in the meeting at 10:30 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 10:48 a.m.

John Jaschke introduced Sarah Strommen, newly hired assistant director. Sarah stated that she's excited to begin work at BWSR. Sarah's start date is November 19, 2012. Chair Napstad welcomed Sarah.

NEW BUSINESS

Adoption of Rule Amendments for the Erosion Control and Water Management and Reinvest in Minnesota Reserve programs (Rule Chapter 8400) – Paul Langseth reported that the Grants Program and Policy Committee met last night regarding the Erosion Control and Water Management Program and Reinvest in Minnesota Reserve Programs (Rule Chapter 8400). These rules have been under development for more than two years, and following recent discussions with soil and water conservation districts, is now ready to proceed to final adoption. Paul Langseth reported that changes were made at the Grants Program and Policy Committee meeting last evening; the changes were distributed to board members today. Paul stated that the Committee and staff have worked diligently to put this in place. Jack Ditmore had questions regarding appeal processes. Paul and Dave Weirens clarified the rulemaking and policy aspects. Jack would like the state board or executive director declaration of authority for processing the appeal to be determined in the rulemaking. John Jaschke stated that the

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procedure for delegation authority could be included in the rule as clarification.
Discussion followed.

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12-93 Moved by Keith Mykleseth, seconded by Jack Ditmore, to amend the draft document on page 14, 8400.1800 APPEALS, include 'as delegated,' -- the sentence will state, "The state board or its executive director, as delegated, shall review and grant the petition unless it is deemed without sufficient merit within 30 days of the receipt of the petition." Motion passed on a voice vote.

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12-94 Tom Landwehr questioned 8400.0300 APPROVED CONSERVATION PRACTICES, Subp.2.A. #10. Tom stated his concern for problems and possible misuse and would like to clarify #10. Discussion followed. Moved by Chris Elvrurn, seconded by Paul Langseth, to amend the draft document on page 6, retain #10, change the word alleviate to address. #10 would read, "alleviate address water quantity problems due to altered hydrology." Motion passed on a voice vote. Paul clarified that projects are reviewed by staff and SWCDs, some problems can be addressed with more flexibility.

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12-95 Paul reviewed the line-by-line changes on the draft document as recommended by the Grants Program & Policy Committee last night. Moved by Paul Langseth, seconded by Christy Jo Fogarty, to adopt the rule document as approved by the Committee, with amendments as voted on today. Tom Landwehr, as directed by statute 103C.501, asked staff and the Grants Program & Policy Committee to review #10 and follow-up on the policy and clarification. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Adoption of the Proposed Erosion Control and Water Management Program

Policy – Paul Langseth reported that statutory changes enacted in 2009 require the Board to adopt a policy for the Erosion Control and Water Management Program (commonly referred to as Cost-Share). The draft policy has been developed by staff concurrently with the Rule and the Grants Program & Policy Committee recommends approval. Moved by Paul Langseth, seconded by Steve Sunderland, to approve the Committee's recommendation, with rule amendments, the policy becomes effective July 1, 2013. The Committee will review and address issues at their next meeting, with the possibility that policy may change before it's implemented. Paul reported that the Grants Program & Policy Committee will meet in November. Motion passed on a voice vote.

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12-97 Moved by Paul Langseth, seconded by Christy Jo Fogarty, to approve the Resolution, that BWSR hereby: (1) Adopts the Erosion Control and Water Management Program (commonly referred to as State Cost Share) and the RIM Reserve Program (Minn. Rule Chapter 8400), approves the State of Need and Reasonableness and authorizes staff to complete the processes necessary to adopt the Rule; (2) Adopts the Erosion Control

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and Water Management Policy; and (3) Provides that the amended Rule and Erosion Control and Water Management Policy become effective July 1, 2013 for grants that will be made to soil and water conservation districts in State Fiscal Year 2014. Motion passed on a voice vote.

2013 Proposed BWSR Board Meeting Schedule – John Jaschke reported that the BWSR Board meets the fourth Wednesday of the month (unless noted). John presented the 2013 proposed Board meeting dates: January 23; March 27; April 24; May 22; June 26; August 28-29 (tour and meeting); September 25; October 23; December 18. The Board does not meet in February, July, November. Moved by Keith Mykleseth, seconded by Gerald Van Amburg, to approve the 2013 Board meeting dates as presented. Motion passed on a voice vote.

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12-98

2012 Strategic Plan Report Card – Don Buckhout reported that the Public Relations, Outreach, and Strategic Planning (PROSP) Committee met last night and approved the Strategic Plan Report Card, an annual summary of accomplishments for each of the action items in the BWSR 2012 Strategic Plan Update. The final version of the Report Card was distributed to Board members. Chair Napstad thanked Don for his report.

BWSR 25th Anniversary – Jen Maleitzke acknowledged the Board of Water and Soil Resources' 25th anniversary, established in October 1987. BWSR history, milestones, accomplishments, and highlights were presented. Ron Shelito presented history of local water planning efforts over the years; Tabor Hoek presented accomplishments of the Conservation Reserve Enhance Program (CREP) and Greg Larson presented BWSR's role in the Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) during the past 25 years. Jack Ditmore stated that the Board and staff should be proud of the accomplishments over the last 25 years. Chair Napstad thanked staff for putting together the presentation.

AGENCY REPORTS

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) – Tom Landwehr reported that it's hunting season: the pheasant opener was October 13; the rifle deer hunting season opens November 3; and the first wolf hunt season opens November 3. Tom reported that DNR is working through the budget process, including a joint agency effort to hone the outcomes of the Clean Water Funding; and addressing non-point needs as a high priority.

ADVISORY COMMENTS

Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) – Krista Olson, acting program manager, distributed information on NRCS programs (WRP, GRP, FRPP) and provided a brief overview.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

- BWSR Academy, October 29-31, Brainerd
- BWSR Grants Program & Policy Committee Meeting, November 28
- BWSR Wetlands Committee Meeting, November 28
- Next BWSR Meeting, December 12
- MAWD Annual Meeting, November 29-December 1, Alexandria
- MASWCD Annual Meeting, December 2-4, Bloomington
- AMC Annual Meeting, December 3-4, St. Cloud

****** Moved by Tom Landwehr, seconded by Paul Langseth, to adjourn the meeting at 1:00
12-99 p.m. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Anderson
Recorder



BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Dispute Resolution Committee Report^L

Meeting Date: December 12, 2012

Agenda Category: ☐ Committee Recommendation ☐ New Business ☐ Old Business
Item Type: ☐ Decision ☐ Discussion ☒ Information

Section/Region: Land and Water Section

Contact: Travis Germundson

Prepared by: Travis Germundson

Reviewed by: _____ Committee(s)

Presented by: Gerald Van Amburg/Travis Germundson

☐ Audio/Visual Equipment Needed for Agenda Item Presentation

Attachments: ☐ Resolution ☐ Order ☐ Map ☒ Other Supporting Information

Fiscal/Policy Impact

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ACTION REQUESTED

None

SUMMARY (*Consider: history, reason for consideration now, alternatives evaluated, basis for recommendation*)

Dispute Resolution Committee Report. The report provides a monthly update on the number of appeals filed with the BWSR.

Dispute Resolution Report
November 26, 2012
By: Travis Germundson

There are presently 9 appeals pending. All of the appeals involve WCA except File 10-10. There has been 1 new appeals filed since the last report given at the October 24th Board Meeting.

Format note: New appeals that have been filed since last report to the Board.
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File 12-16 (11-16-12). This is an appeal of a wetland banking credit deposit request in Stearns County. The appeal regards the approval of a wetland banking plan request to deposit 9.9 acres of credit. A previous appeal (File 12-13) was remanded for the LGU to develop an adequate record, and now that new decision is being appealed. At issue are the eligibility requirements for banking credits. No decision has been made on the appeal.

File 12-12 (7-16-12) This is an appeal of an exemption determination in Renville County. The appeal regards the denial of an agricultural drainage exemption associated with a 1.5 acre wetland. At issue is the wetland type determination. A previous appeal (File 12-5) was remanded for further technical evaluation and administrative proceedings, and now the current approval is being appealed. A verbal settlement agreement has since been reached that includes submittal of a replacement plan application. The appeal is placed in abeyance by mutual agreement to determine the viability of a wetland replacement plan application.

File 11-1 (1-20-11) This is an appeal of a restoration order in Hennepin County. The appeal regards the filling of approximately 1.77 acres of wetland and 0.69 acres of excavation. The appeal has been placed in abeyance and the restoration order stayed until there is a final decision on an after-the-fact wetland application and confirmation of required mitigation.

File 10-10 (6-10-10) This is an appeal filed under Minn. Stat. 103D.535 regarding an order of the managers of the Wild Rice Watershed District not to go forward with the Upper Becker Dam Enhancement Project as proposed. Appeals filed under 103D.535 require that the Board follow the Administrative Procedures Act. The Act requires that the hearing be conducted by an Administrative Laws Judge through the Office of Administrative Hearings. A mediated settlement agreement was reached with the condition that if the watershed district fails to carry out Option D the appeal shall go forward. The appeal has been placed in abeyance.

File 10-7 (2-19-10) This is an appeal of a restoration order in Stearns County. The appeal regards draining and filling impacts to approximately 18.44 acres of Type2/3 wetland and 3.06 acres of Type 2 wetland. The appeal has been placed in abeyance and the restoration order stayed for submittal of "as built" or project information pertaining to a public drainage system. The landowner has committed to restoring the site and the TEP plans to conduct a site visit this fall to verify that restoration has occurred.

File 09-10 (7-9-09) This is an appeal of a banking plan application in Aitkin County. The appeal regards the LGU's denial of a banking plan application to restore 427.5 acres of wetlands through the use of exceptional natural resource value. The appeal has been accepted and pre-hearing conferences convened on October 13 and 30, and December 14, 2009. Settlement discussions are on hold while the appellant addresses permitting issues with the Corps of Engineers. The appeal has been placed in abeyance by mutual agreement on determining the viability of a new wetland banking plan application.

File 08-9. (03/06/08) This is an appeal of a replacement order in Pine County. The appeal regards impacts to approximately 11.26 acres of wetland. The replacement order has been stayed and the appeal has been placed in abeyance pending disposition with the U.S. Dept of Justice.

File 06-23. (05/19/06) This is an appeal of a replacement plan decision in Kanabec County. The LGU denied the wetland replacement plan application. A previous denial of the same replacement plan application had been appealed, the appeal was remanded for a hearing, and now the current denial has been appealed. The appeal has been placed in abeyance pending the outcome of a lawsuit between the landowner and the county. The lawsuit concerns the county's possible noncompliance with the 60-day rule. The county prevailed in district court; however the decision was appealed to the Court of Appeals where the county again prevailed. An appeal to the Minnesota Supreme Court was denied review.

File 05-1. (01/13/05) This is an appeal of a replacement plan decision by the Rice Creek Watershed District. The District previously made a decision that was appealed which resulted in a remand for an expanded TEP. Now there is an appeal of the decision made under remand since the decision differed from the TEP report. At issue are wetland delineation and the Comprehensive Wetland Protection and Management Plan that BWSR approved. After a hearing before the DRC, the board remanded the matter for new wetland delineation and for submission on an updated, complete replacement plan application. On 12-9-09 the District made a new wetland delineation decision. The applicant has not yet submitted an updated replacement plan application.

Summary Table

Type of Decision	Total for Calendar Year 2011	Total for Calendar Year 2012
Order in favor of appellant	2	1
Order not in favor of appellant	2	4
Order Modified	2	
Order Remanded		2
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Withdrawn/Dismissed	2	4

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Southern Water Planning Committee

1. Olmsted County Local Water Management Plan Update – ***DECISION ITEM***
2. Kandiyohi County Priority Concerns Scoping Document – ***DECISION ITEM***
3. McLeod County Priority Concerns Scoping Document – ***DECISION ITEM***
4. Meeker County Priority Concerns Scoping Document – ***DECISION ITEM***
5. Renville County Priority Concerns Scoping Document – ***DECISION ITEM***
6. Kandiyohi County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan Extension Request – ***DECISION ITEM***
7. McLeod County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan Extension Request – ***DECISION ITEM***
8. Meeker County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan Extension Request – ***DECISION ITEM***
9. Renville County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan Extension Request – ***DECISION ITEM***



BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA ITEM TITLE:

Olmsted County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan 2013-23 Approval

Meeting Date: December 12, 2012

Agenda Category: ☒ Committee Recommendation ☒ New Business ☐ Old Business
Item Type: ☒ Decision ☐ Discussion ☐ Information

Section/Region: South Region

Contact: Jeff Nielsen

Prepared by: Mary Kells

Reviewed by: Southern Water Planning Committee(s)

Presented by: Paul Langseth, chair

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ACTION REQUESTED

Approval of the Olmsted County Comprehensive Local Water Management (CLWM) Plan 2013-2023.

LINKS TO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Link to Olmsted County CLWM Plan:

<http://www.co.olmsted.mn.us/environmentalresources/waterresourcemanagement/Pages/CountyWaterManagementPlan.aspx>

SUMMARY *(Consider: history, reason for consideration now, alternatives evaluated, basis for recommendation)*

The Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) provided official comments pertaining to the State Review of the Olmsted County Priority Concerns Scoping Document (PCSD) on March 24, 2010.

On October 26, 2010, Olmsted County submitted a request to BWSR for a one-year extension to its existing Plan to complete the Plan update. The BWSR officially approved a two-year extension at its regular board meeting held on December 15, 2010. The extended end date of the current Plan is December 31, 2012.

Olmsted County submitted the final draft Plan to the BWSR on August 28, 2012 as required for final review by state agencies. I have completed my final review of the Olmsted County Plan and find that it does meet the requirements of Minnesota Statute 103B.314. The Plan:

- focuses on the priority concerns identified in the PCSD;
- assesses the priority concerns and sets forth appropriate goals and objectives;
- provides an implementation program with measurable actions, timeline and budget; and
- includes all required sections.

State agency comments were received from:

- Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) – recommends approval, no additional comments
- Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) – recommends approval, with the following comments: The MDH believes source water protection for public and private consumption is an important component of local water resources management. We commend Olmsted County for recognizing the value of protecting and preserving groundwater quality and quantity, specifically the action items that support the implementation of wellhead protection plans.
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). – recommends approval, with the following comments:

The County's LWM Plan is a very detailed and thorough document that addresses the concerns MPCA shares in this area. Reference is made multiple times to the benefit of regional cooperation being the key to the success of the goals laid out in the LWM Plan. The County staff is connected to the region through various work groups and, therefore, is already showing commitment to this ideal. Also, the acknowledgement that watershed based TMDL studies are an improvement over the previous TMDL structure is encouraging.

Comments on changes that should be made:

Page 15 "A turbidity TMDL study has been approved for the Zumbro River and an implementation plan is expected to be completed in 2013"

The Implementation Plan was approved in September, 2012.

Below is an encouraging statement that follows the previous comment about working relationships in this area. To have the link between TMDLs/implementation Plans and LWM Plans called out is encouraging.

Page 16. "As they are approved by the MPCA, the priorities identified in TMDL Implementation Plans will be considered to be consistent with the priorities of the Olmsted County Local Water management Plan."

- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) – Noted that the Plan does not violate any statutory or rule requirement administered by our agency.



Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources
520 Lafayette Road North
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

In the Matter of Reviewing the Local Water Management Plan Update
for Olmsted County (Minnesota Statutes , Section 103B.311,
Subdivision 4 and Section 103B.315, Subdivision 5.)

ORDER
APPROVING
LOCAL
WATER MANAGEMENT
PLAN UPDATE

Whereas, the Olmsted County Board of Commissioners submitted a Local Water Management Plan Update (Plan Update) to the Board on August 28, 2012 pursuant to M.S. Section 103B.315, Subd. 5, and

Whereas, the Board has completed its review of the Plan Update;

Now Therefore, the Board hereby makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions, and Order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On December 30, 2009, the Board of Water and Soil Resources received a Priority Concerns Scoping Document (PCSD) from Olmsted County, pursuant to M.S. Section 103B.312.
2. On March 24, 2010 the Board of Water and Soil Resources approved official comments on the Olmsted County PCSD, which were mailed to the county on March 24, 2010.
3. The priority concerns the PCSD and Plan Update addresses include:
 - A) Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection
 - B) Agricultural Erosion and Sediment Control, Nutrient Management, and Chemical Use
 - C) Impaired Waters, TMDLS, and Watershed Management
 - D) Urban/Suburban Storm Water Quality and Quantity
 - E) Wetland Resources and Natural Corridors
4. On October 26, 2010, Olmsted County submitted a request to BWSR for a one-year extension to its existing Plan to complete the Plan Update. The BWSR officially approved a two-year extension at its regular board meeting held on December 15, 2010. The extended end date of the current Plan is December 31, 2012.
5. On August 28, 2012, the BWSR received the Olmsted County Plan Update, a record of the public hearing, and copies of all written comments pertaining to the Plan Update to the Board for final State review pursuant to M.S. Section 103B.315, Subd. 5.

6. On November 1, 2012, the Southern Water Planning Committee of the Board reviewed the following state agency comments, commendations and approval recommendations regarding the final approval of the Olmsted County Plan Update:
 - A) Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) recommends approval.
 - B) Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) recommends approval.
 - C) Minnesota Pollution Control Agency recommends approval.
 - D) Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) noted Plan Update does not violate any statutory or rule requirement administered by MDNR.
 - E) Minnesota Environmental Quality Board provided no comments.
 - F) Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources regional staff recommends approval.
 - G) Board Water Plan Review Committee Meeting recommends approval.
7. This update will be in effect until December 31, 2023.

CONCLUSIONS

1. All relevant requirements of law have been fulfilled. The Board has proper jurisdiction in the matter of approving a Comprehensive Water Plan Update of Olmsted County pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, 103B.315, Subd. 5.
2. The Olmsted County Plan Update attached to this Order states water and water-related problems within the county; possible solutions; general goals, objectives, and actions of the county; and an implementation program. The attached Plan Update is in conformance with the requirements of M.S. Section 103B.301.

ORDER

The Board hereby approves the attached update of the Olmsted County Local Water Management Plan 2013-2023 with a required update to the Implementation section (Goals, Objectives, and Action) by December 31, 2017.

Dated at St Paul, Minnesota this December 12, 2012.

MINNESOTA BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES

BY: Brian Napstad, Chair



BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA ITEM TITLE:

Kandiyohi County Priority Concerns Scoping Document Approval

Meeting Date: December 12, 2012

Agenda Category: ☒ Committee Recommendation ☒ New Business ☐ Old Business
Item Type: ☒ Decision ☐ Discussion ☐ Information

Section/Region: South Region

Contact: Jeff Nielsen

Prepared by: Thomas Fischer

Reviewed by: Southern Water Planning Committee(s)

Presented by: Paul Langseth, chair

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ACTION REQUESTED

Approval of the Kandiyohi County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan Priority Concerns Scoping Document (PCSD).

LINKS TO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

SUMMARY *(Consider: history, reason for consideration now, alternatives evaluated, basis for recommendation)*

The current Kandiyohi County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan will expire on December 31, 2012. Kandiyohi County passed a resolution to begin the updating process on October 4, 2011. The Kandiyohi County Priority Concerns Scoping Document (PCSD) was distributed to state agencies for review on September 4, 2012. Comments were received from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, Minnesota Department of Health, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, and Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. These comments were reviewed by BWSR.

On November 1, 2012, the BWSR Southern Water Planning Committee met with Kandiyohi County to review the PCSD. All required components of the PCSD have been covered and the priority concerns selected are deemed appropriate. After review and discussion, the Committee decided with a unanimous vote to recommend approval of the Kandiyohi County PCSD and bring it forward to the full BWSR Board. BWSR's official state comment letter pertaining to the review of the Kandiyohi County PCSD will need to be sent to Kandiyohi County.



December 12, 2012

Kandiyohi County Commissioners
c/o Jeff Bredberg, Water Plan Coordinator
400 SW Benson Avenue
Willmar, MN 56201

Dear Kandiyohi County Commissioners:

**RE: Official Comments Pertaining to the State Review of the
Kandiyohi County Priority Concerns Scoping Document**

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 103B.313, subdivision 5, this letter communicates the State's official comments pertaining to the priority concerns Kandiyohi County has chosen to address in the update of their Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan (CLWM Plan). The Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR), along with the state review agencies, received the Kandiyohi County Priority Concerns Scoping Document (PCSD) on September 4, 2012. The PCSD shows that Kandiyohi County reviewed the identified concerns raised during the public input process and selected the following priority concerns for inclusion in the update of the CLWM Plan.

- Protect and Improve Surface Water Quality – Reduce Priority Pollutants
 - Soil Erosion and Sedimentation
 - Proactively work to get waters off the MPCA's 303(d) list of Impaired Waters (TMDLs)
 - Feedlots and Nutrient Management
 - Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems (SSTS)
 - Aquatic Invasive Species and Lake Management
 - Land and Wastewater Management
- Surface Water Management
 - Agricultural Drainage
 - Stormwater Management
 - Wetlands and Water Storage/Retention
- Groundwater Quality & Quantity
 - Wellhead Protection Areas
 - Drinking Water Quality
 - Groundwater Monitoring
- Plan Administration and Coordination
 - Watershed Focus
 - Stakeholder Cooperation
 - Raising Public Awareness

The BWSR received comments from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA), Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on the Kandiyohi County PCSD during the official review period.

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MDA concurred with the priority concerns identified; felt the priority concern identification process was commendable; encourages the county to consider development of a local drainage management and technical team to further inform local policy decisions regarding: technical drainage issues, permitting processes and procedures, drainage education and outreach initiatives and activities, and general drainage issues; and recommends consideration of developing a drainage management plan for the county.

MDH concurs with the priority concerns identified; felt the priority concern identification process was adequate; commends the county for recognizing the value of protection and preserving groundwater quality and quantity, specifically the initiatives that support development and implementation of wellhead protection plans and the support of sealing unused, unsealed wells.

MPCA concurs with the priority concerns identified; felt the priority concern identification process was adequate; strongly recommends, but does not require, the Watershed Approach be included as a priority issue; encourages the county to visit the MPCA's Environmental Data Access System (via MPCA website) for water quality monitoring data which may be useful with water planning efforts.

DNR concurs with the priority concerns identified; and felt the priority concern identification process was adequate. No other comments were provided.

The BWSR Southern Water Planning Committee (Committee) met with Kandiyohi County on November 1, 2012, to discuss the content of the PCSD, state review agency comments on the PCSD, and recommendations for the content of the final LWM Plan. The Committee's findings were presented to the BWSR board at its meeting on December 12, 2012.

The Committee commends Kandiyohi County for the process they used to select the priority concerns – including soliciting input from local government, citizens, and state agencies – and incorporating that information into the four priority concern areas. The priority concerns to be addressed in the LWM Plan are deemed to be appropriate; the BWSR does not recommend or require any changes to the PCSD as drafted. Please proceed with the development of your next LWM Plan.

Sincerely,

Brian Napstad, Chair
Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources

c: Rob Sip, MDA
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Art Persons, MDH
Cathi Fouchi, DNR
David L. Johnson, MPCA
BWSR Southern Water Planning Committee
Kandiyohi Soil & Water Conservation District
Jeff Nielsen, BWSR Southern Region Supervisor
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BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Mcleod County Priority Concerns Scoping Document Approval

Meeting Date: December 12, 2012

Agenda Category: ☒ Committee Recommendation ☒ New Business ☐ Old Business
Item Type: ☒ Decision ☐ Discussion ☐ Information

Section/Region: South Region

Contact: Jeff Nielsen

Prepared by: Thomas Fischer

Reviewed by: Southern Water Planning Committee Committee(s)

Presented by: Paul Langseth, chair

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Fiscal/Policy Impact

- ☒ None ☐ General Fund Budget
☐ Amended Policy Requested ☐ Capital Budget
☐ New Policy Requested ☐ Outdoor Heritage Fund Budget
☐ Other: ☐ Clean Water Fund Budget

ACTION REQUESTED

Approval of the McLeod County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan Priority Concerns Scoping Document (PCSD).

LINKS TO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

SUMMARY *(Consider: history, reason for consideration now, alternatives evaluated, basis for recommendation)*

The current McLeod County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan will expire on December 31, 2012. McLeod County passed a resolution to begin the updating process on November 29, 2011. The McLeod County Priority Concerns Scoping Document (PCSD) was distributed to state agencies for review on August 20, 2012. Comments were received from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, Minnesota Department of Health, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, and Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. These comments were reviewed by BWSR.

On November 1, 2012, the BWSR Southern Water Planning Committee met with McLeod County to review the PCSD. All required components of the PCSD have been covered and the priority concerns selected are deemed appropriate. After review and discussion, the Committee decided with a unanimous vote to recommend approval of the McLeod County PCSD and bring it forward to the full BWSR Board. BWSR's official state comment letter pertaining to the review of the McLeod County PCSD will need to be sent to McLeod County.



December 12, 2012

McLeod County Commissioners
c/o Roger Berggren, Water Plan Coordinator
830 East 11th Street
Glencoe, MN 55336

Dear McLeod County Commissioners:

**RE: Official Comments Pertaining to the State Review of the
McLeod County Priority Concerns Scoping Document**

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 103B.313, subdivision 5, this letter communicates the State's official comments pertaining to the priority concerns McLeod County has chosen to address in the update of their Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan (CLWM Plan). The Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR), along with the state review agencies, received the McLeod County Priority Concerns Scoping Document (PCSD) on August 20, 2012. The PCSD shows that McLeod County reviewed the identified concerns raised during the public input process and selected the following priority concerns for inclusion in the update of the CLWM Plan.

- Surface Water Quantity - Management
 - Agricultural Drainage
 - Stormwater Management
 - Wetland Restorations
- Surface Water Quality – Reducing Priority Pollutants
 - Erosion & Sediment Control
 - TMDL Implementation
 - Feedlot/Livestock Management
 - Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems
 - Aquatic Invasive Species
- Groundwater Quality & Quantity
 - Wellhead Protection Areas
 - Drinking Water Quality
- Plan Administration and Coordination
 - Watershed Focus
 - Raising Public Awareness

The BWSR received comments from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA), Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on the McLeod County PCSD during the official review period.

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MDA concurred with the priority concerns identified; felt the priority concern identification process was commendable; and encourages the county to consider development of a local drainage management and technical team to further inform local policy decisions regarding: technical drainage issues, permitting processes and procedures, drainage education and outreach initiatives and activities, and general drainage issues.

MDH concurs with the priority concerns identified; felt the priority concern identification process was adequate; commends the county for recognizing the value of protection and preserving groundwater quality and quantity, specifically the initiatives that support: the development and implementation of wellhead protection plans and the support of sealing unused, unsealed wells, groundwater education efforts, and water quality testing.

MPCA concurs with the priority concerns identified; believes the priority concern identification process was commendable; encourages the county to visit the MPCA's Environmental Data Access System (via MPCA website) for water quality monitoring data which may be useful with water planning efforts.

DNR concurs with the priority concerns identified; and felt the priority concern identification process was adequate. No other comments were provided.

The BWSR Southern Water Planning Committee (Committee) met with McLeod County on November 1, 2012, to discuss the content of the PCSD, state review agency comments on the PCSD, and recommendations for the content of the final LWM Plan. The Committee presented its findings to the BWSR board at its meeting on December 12, 2012.

The Committee commends McLeod County for the process they used to select the priority concerns – including soliciting input from local government, citizens, and state agencies – and incorporating that information into the four priority concern areas. The priority concerns to be addressed in the LWM Plan are deemed to be appropriate; the BWSR does not recommend or require any changes to the PCSD as drafted. Please proceed with the development of your next LWM Plan.

Sincerely,

Brian Napstad, Chair
Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources

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BWSR Southern Water Planning Committee
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BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Meeker County Priority Concerns Scoping Document Approval

Meeting Date: December 12, 2012

Agenda Category: ☒ Committee Recommendation ☒ New Business ☐ Old Business
Item Type: ☒ Decision ☐ Discussion ☐ Information

Section/Region: South Region

Contact: Jeff Nielsen

Prepared by: Thomas Fischer

Reviewed by: Southern Water Planning Committee(s)

Presented by: Paul Langseth, chair

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ACTION REQUESTED

Approval of the Meeker County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan Priority Concerns Scoping Document (PCSD).

LINKS TO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

SUMMARY (*Consider: history, reason for consideration now, alternatives evaluated, basis for recommendation*)

The current Meeker County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan will expire on December 31, 2012. Meeker County passed a resolution to begin the updating process on November 1, 2011. The Meeker County Priority Concerns Scoping Document (PCSD) was distributed to state agencies for review on September 10, 2012. Comments were received from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, Minnesota Department of Health, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, and Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. These comments were reviewed by BWSR.

On November 1, 2012, the BWSR Southern Water Planning Committee met with Meeker County to review the PCSD. All required components of the PCSD have been covered and the priority concerns selected are deemed appropriate. After review and discussion, the Committee decided with a unanimous vote to recommend approval of the Meeker County PCSD and bring it forward to the full BWSR Board. BWSR's official state comment letter pertaining to the review of the Meeker County PCSD will need to be sent to Meeker County.



December 12, 2012

Meeker County Commissioners
c/o Paul Virnig, Water Plan Coordinator
325 Sibley Avenue North
Litchfield, MN 55355

Dear Meeker County Commissioners:

**RE: Official Comments Pertaining to the State Review of the
Meeker County Priority Concerns Scoping Document**

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 103B.313, subdivision 5, this letter communicates the State's official comments pertaining to the priority concerns Meeker County has chosen to address in the update of their Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan (CLWM Plan). The Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR), along with the state review agencies, received the Meeker County Priority Concerns Scoping Document (PCSD) on September 10, 2012. The PCSD shows that Meeker County reviewed the identified concerns raised during the public input process and selected the following priority concerns for inclusion in the update of the CLWM Plan.

- Protect and Improve Surface Water Quality – Reducing Priority Pollutants
 - Proactively Work to Get Waters Off the MPCA's 303(d) list of Impaired Waters (TMDLs)
 - Feedlots and Nutrient Management
 - Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems (SSTS) & Wastewater Management
 - Shoreland and Lake Management
 - Land Management
- Erosion and Sediment Control
- Surface Water Management
 - Agricultural Drainage
 - Stormwater Management
 - Wetlands and Water Storage/Retention
- Groundwater Quality & Quantity
 - Wellhead Protection Areas
 - Drinking Water Quality
 - Groundwater Monitoring
- Plan Administration and Coordination
 - Watershed Focus
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 - Raising Public Awareness

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The BWSR received comments from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA), Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on the Meeker County PCSD during the official review period.

MDA concurred with the priority concerns identified; felt the priority concern identification process was commendable; and encourages the county to consider development of a local drainage management and technical team to further inform local policy decisions regarding: technical drainage issues, permitting processes and procedures, drainage education and outreach initiatives and activities, and general drainage issues; recommends that the county consider the development of a drainage management plan.

MDH concurs with the priority concerns identified; felt the priority concern identification process was adequate; commends the county for recognizing the value of protection and preserving groundwater quality and quantity, specifically the initiatives that support: the development and implementation of wellhead protection plans, sealing unused, unsealed wells, groundwater education efforts, and water quality testing.

MPCA concurs with the priority concerns identified; believes the priority concern identification process was adequate; strongly recommends, but does not require, that the Watershed Approach should be included as a priority issue (provided MPCA website links for details); encourages the county to visit the MPCA's Environmental Data Access System (via MPCA website) for water quality monitoring data which may be useful with water planning efforts.

DNR concurs with the priority concerns identified; and felt the priority concern identification process was adequate. No other comments were provided.

The BWSR Southern Water Planning Committee (Committee) met with Meeker County on November 1, 2012, to discuss the content of the PCSD, state review agency comments on the PCSD, and recommendations for the content of the final LWM Plan. The Committee presented its findings to the BWSR board at its meeting on December 12, 2012.

The Committee commends Meeker County for the process they used to select the priority concerns – including soliciting input from local government, citizens, and state agencies – and incorporating that information into the five priority concern areas. The priority concerns to be addressed in the LWM Plan are deemed to be appropriate; the BWSR does not recommend or require any changes to the PCSD as drafted. Please proceed with the development of your next LWM Plan.

Sincerely,

Brian Napstad, Chair
Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources

c: Becky Balk, MDA
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BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA ITEM TITLE:

Renville County Priority Concerns Scoping Document Approval

Meeting Date: December 12, 2012

Agenda Category: ☒ Committee Recommendation ☒ New Business ☐ Old Business
Item Type: ☒ Decision ☐ Discussion ☐ Information

Section/Region: South Region

Contact: Jeff Nielsen

Prepared by: Thomas Fischer

Reviewed by: Southern Water Planning Committee(s)

Presented by: Paul Langseth, chair

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ACTION REQUESTED

Approval of the Renville County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan Priority Concerns Scoping Document (PCSD).

LINKS TO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

SUMMARY *(Consider: history, reason for consideration now, alternatives evaluated, basis for recommendation)*

The current Renville County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan will expire on December 31, 2012. Renville County passed a resolution to begin the updating process on October 25, 2011. The Renville County Priority Concerns Scoping Document (PCSD) was distributed to state agencies for review on August 30, 2012. Comments were received from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, Minnesota Department of Health, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, and Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. These comments were reviewed by BWSR.

On November 1, 2012, the BWSR Southern Water Planning Committee met with Renville County to review the PCSD. All required components of the PCSD have been covered and the priority concerns selected are deemed appropriate. After review and discussion, the Committee decided with a unanimous vote to recommend approval of the Renville County PCSD and bring it forward to the full BWSR Board. BWSR's official state comment letter pertaining to the review of the Renville County PCSD will need to be sent to Renville County.



December 12, 2012

Renville County Commissioners
c/o Diane Mitchell, Water Plan Coordinator
410 East DePue Avenue
Olivia, MN 56277

Dear Renville County Commissioners:

**RE: Official Comments Pertaining to the State Review of the
Renville County Priority Concerns Scoping Document**

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 103B.313, subdivision 5, this letter communicates the State's official comments pertaining to the priority concerns Renville County has chosen to address in the update of their Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan (CLWM Plan). The Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR), along with the state review agencies, received the Renville County Priority Concerns Scoping Document (PCSD) on August 30, 2012. The PCSD shows that Renville County reviewed the identified concerns raised during the public input process and selected the following priority concerns for inclusion in the update of the CLWM Plan.

- Reducing Priority Pollutants – Surface Water Quality
 - TMDL Implementation
 - Feedlots/Livestock Management
 - Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems
 - Aquatic Invasive Species
- Erosion and Sediment Control
- Surface Water Management
 - Agricultural Drainage
 - Stormwater Management
 - Wetlands and Water Storage/Retention
 - Shoreland Management
- Groundwater Quality & Quantity
 - Wellhead Protection Areas
 - Drinking Water Quality
- Plan Administration and Coordination
 - Watershed Focus
 - Stakeholder Cooperation
 - Raising Public Awareness

The BWSR received comments from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA), Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on the Renville County PCSD during the official review period.

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Sincerely,

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BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA ITEM TITLE:

Kandiyohi County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan Extension Approval

Meeting Date: December 12, 2012

Agenda Category: ☒ Committee Recommendation ☒ New Business ☐ Old Business
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ACTION REQUESTED

Approval of the Kandiyohi County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan extension request.

LINKS TO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

SUMMARY *(Consider: history, reason for consideration now, alternatives evaluated, basis for recommendation)*

The Kandiyohi County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan (CLWMP) will expire on December 31, 2012. On October 5, 2012, the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) received a resolution from Kandiyohi County requesting an extension of their CLWMP. BWSR staff have reviewed and recommend approval of the request.

On November 1, 2012, the BWSR Southern Water Planning Committee met with Kandiyohi County to discuss the extension request. After discussion, the Committee decided with a unanimous vote to recommend approval of the Kandiyohi County extension request and bring this recommendation forward to the full BWSR Board for review and action. BWSR's official state comment letter pertaining to the extension will need to be sent to Kandiyohi County.



Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources
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In the Matter of Extending the
Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan
for Kandiyohi County

ORDER
EXTENDING
WATER MANAGEMENT
PLAN

Whereas, the Kandiyohi County Board of Commissioners has a state-approved Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan (Plan) that is effective until December 31, 2012, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 103B.301; and

Whereas, Kandiyohi County has submitted a resolution requesting an extension of its Plan; and

Whereas, the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (Board) has authorization to grant extensions with or without conditions pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 103B.3367.

Now Therefore, the Board hereby makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions, and Order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

On October 5, 2012, the Board received a resolution from Kandiyohi County requesting an extension of their Plan. The request is based on: the Priority Concerns Scoping Document (PCSD) has been submitted to the Board for state agency review; Kandiyohi County will meet with the Board on November 1, 2012 to review and discuss the PCSD; the draft Plan will be available for public review in November 2012; Kandiyohi County assures continued effort toward completion of the Plan update with an anticipated date for submission to the Board for final review by the end of 2012; extension of the effective date until May 31, 2013, in order to complete the update process.

On October 16, 2012, Board staff reviewed and recommended approval of the extension request made by Kandiyohi County. Board staff recommendation was for a five-month extension.

On November 1, 2012, the Board's southern region water planning committee (Committee) met with representatives of Kandiyohi County to discuss the extension request. The Committee deemed the extension request to be appropriate. The Committee's decision was to present to the Board a recommendation of approval of the Kandiyohi County extension; effective until May 30, 2013.

On December 12, 2012, the Committee presented its recommendation of approval of the Kandiyohi County extension request to the Board. The Board adopted the Committee's recommendation.

CONCLUSIONS

All relevant requirements of law have been fulfilled. The Board has proper jurisdiction in the matter of extending the Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan of Kandiyohi County pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 103B.3367.

ORDER

The Board hereby approves the extension of the Kandiyohi County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan until May 30, 2013. Kandiyohi County shall strive to complete the updating of their Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan in a timely manner.

Dated at St. Paul, Minnesota this 12th day of December 2012.

MINNESOTA BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES

BY: Brian Napstad, Chair



October 16, 2012

Jeff Nielsen
Board of Water and Soil Resources
261 Highway 15 South
New Ulm, MN 56073

Dear Jeff:

I received an official resolution from Kandiyohi County (County) requesting an extension of their current Local Water Management Plan (Plan). This current Plan is effective until December 31, 2012.

The Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) does have the authority to grant extensions of up to one year for an existing Plan's effective date. To provide some background information when considering the County's extension request, I offer the following chronology of the County's Plan updating process.

- On August 5, 2011, I met with all four local water plan coordinators from Kandiyohi, McLeod, Meeker, and Renville counties to review the Plan updating process and provided each with guidance materials. (These four counties have worked together since the beginning of local water planning, utilizing a consultant to develop each generation's Plan.)
- On September 26, 2011, I met with the four counties local water plan coordinators and the four counties' joint powers board to briefly review the Plan updating process. The joint powers board also discussed the process for obtaining a consultant to lead the Plan updating process.
- On October 4, 2011, the County passed a resolution to update the Plan; received by the BWSR on October 5, 2011.
- On December 8, 2011, the joint powers board selected the consultant.
- On March 7, 2012, the County started the process for development of its Priority Concerns Scoping Document (PCSD).
- On September 3, 2012, the County submitted their completed PCSD to BWSR and other State agencies for review and comment.
- On October 2, 2012, the County board of commissioners passed a resolution requesting an extension of its Plan; received by the BWSR on October 5, 2012.

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Initial discussions I had with the County and its consultant indicated that the extension request was going to be for just a few months beyond December 31, 2012. Because of the chronology I previously listed and the time it has taken the consultant to complete steps throughout the process, I encouraged the County to look at a date of May 30, 2012.

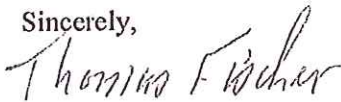
The extension request resolution submitted by the County includes the following:

- The County is currently updating its Plan.
- The County's PCSD has been submitted to BWSR and State agencies for official review.
- The County will meet with the BWSR on November 1, 2012 to discuss the PCSD.
- The draft County Plan will be available for public review in November 2012.
- The County anticipates submitting the Plan to the BWSR for final review by the end of 2012.
- The County is requesting an extension of the effective date of its current Plan until May 31, 2012.

I believe the County and its consultant have had adequate time to complete the Plan updating process; however, the consultant's working on four plans at the same time may have led to the need for the extension request. I do not recommend an extension of one year. I do recommend an extension of five months—new effective date of May 31, 2012.

If you have questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at 507-359-6091 or at Tom.D.Fischer@state.mn.us

Sincerely,



Thomas Fischer
Board Conservationist

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Kandiyohi County
Board of Commissioners

Resolution
Request for Comprehensive Water Management Plan EXTENSION
October 2, 2012

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103B.301, Comprehensive Local Water Management Act, authorizes Minnesota Counties to develop and implement a local water management plan, and

WHEREAS, the current Kandiyohi County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan is effective until December 31, 2012, and

WHEREAS, Kandiyohi County is currently updating the Local Water Management Plan in accordance with Minnesota Statutes Chapter 103 B.301, and

WHEREAS, Kandiyohi County has submitted its Priority Concerns Scoping document (PCSD) to the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) and other State agencies for official review; and

WHEREAS, members of the Kandiyohi County Water Planning Task Force are expected to meet with BWSR on November 1, 2012, to review the PCSD; and

WHEREAS, the draft Kandiyohi County Water Plan will be available for public review in November 2012; and

WHEREAS, Kandiyohi County assures continued effort toward completion of the Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan update, with an anticipated date for submission to BWSR for final review by the end of 2012; and

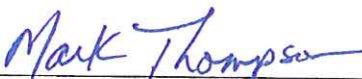
WHEREAS, the Act gives the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources the authority to extend the ending date for a period of one up to one year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Kandiyohi Board of Commissioners requests from the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources an extension of the effective date of the current County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan until May 31, 2013, in order to complete the update process in accordance with Minnesota Statutes Chapter 103B. 301.

CERTIFICATION

State of Minnesota
Office of Auditor/Treasurer
County of Kandiyohi

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and correct copy of a resolution presented to and adopted by the County of Kandiyohi at a duly authorized meeting thereof held on the 2nd day of October 2012.


(Print Name) Mark Thompson
(Print Title) Interim Auditor/Treasurer



BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA ITEM TITLE:

Mc Leod County Comprehensive Local Water
Management Plan Extension Approval

Meeting Date: December 12, 2012

Agenda Category: ☒ Committee Recommendation ☒ New Business ☐ Old Business
Item Type: ☒ Decision ☐ Discussion ☐ Information

Section/Region: South Region

Contact: Jeff Nielsen

Prepared by: Thomas Fischer

Reviewed by: Southern Water Planning Committee(s)

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- ☒ None ☐ General Fund Budget
☐ Amended Policy Requested ☐ Capital Budget
☐ New Policy Requested ☐ Outdoor Heritage Fund Budget
☐ Other: ☐ Clean Water Fund Budget

ACTION REQUESTED

Approval of the McLeod County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan extension request.

LINKS TO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

SUMMARY (Consider: history, reason for consideration now, alternatives evaluated, basis for recommendation)

The McLeod County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan (CLWMP) will expire on December 31, 2012. On September 24, 2012, the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) received a resolution from McLeod County requesting an extension of their CLWMP. BWSR staff have reviewed and recommend approval of the request.

On November 1, 2012, the BWSR Southern Water Planning Committee met with McLeod County to discuss the extension request. After discussion, the Committee decided with a unanimous vote to recommend approval of the McLeod County extension request and bring this recommendation forward to the full BWSR Board for review and action. BWSR's official state comment letter pertaining to the extension will need to be sent to McLeod County.



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520 Lafayette Road North
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In the Matter of Extending the
Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan
for McLeod County

ORDER
EXTENDING
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Whereas, the McLeod County Board of Commissioners has a state-approved Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan (Plan) that is effective until December 31, 2012, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 103B.301; and

Whereas, McLeod County has submitted a resolution requesting an extension of its Plan; and

Whereas, the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (Board) has authorization to grant extensions with or without conditions pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 103B.3367.

Now Therefore, the Board hereby makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions, and Order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

On September 24, 2012, the Board received a written notification and resolution from McLeod County requesting an extension of their Plan. The resolution identifies what has been completed and what remains to be completed, and requests the extension to provide sufficient time to complete the Plan and submit to the Board for final state agency review. Furthermore, it states that McLeod County assures continued effort toward completion of the Plan update, and requests an extension of the effective date until May 30, 2013, in order to complete the update process.

On October 16, 2012, Board staff reviewed and recommended approval of the extension request made by McLeod County. Board staff recommendation was for a five-month extension.

On November 1, 2012, the Board's Southern Water Planning Committee (Committee) met with representatives of McLeod County to discuss the extension request. The Committee deemed the extension request to be appropriate. The Committee's decision was to present to the Board a recommendation of approval of the McLeod County extension; effective until May 30, 2013.

On December 12, 2012, the Committee presented its recommendation of approval of the McLeod County extension request to the Board. The Board adopted the Committee's recommendation.

CONCLUSIONS

All relevant requirements of law have been fulfilled. The Board has proper jurisdiction in the matter of extending the Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan of McLeod County pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 103B.3367.

ORDER

The Board hereby approves the extension of the McLeod County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan until May 30, 2013. McLeod County shall strive to complete the updating of their Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan in a timely manner.

Dated at St. Paul, Minnesota, this 12th day of December 2012.

MINNESOTA BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES

BY: Brian Napstad, Chair



October 16, 2012

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Board of Water and Soil Resources
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- On November 29, 2011, the County passed a resolution to update the Plan; received by the BWSR on December 8, 2011.
- On December 8, 2011, the joint powers board selected the consultant.
- On February 24, 2012, the County started the process for development of its Priority Concerns Scoping Document (PCSD).
- On August 20, 2012, the County submitted their completed PCSD to BWSR and other State agencies for review and comment.
- On September 18, 2012, the County board of commissioners passed a resolution requesting an extension of its Plan; received by the BWSR on September 24, 2012.

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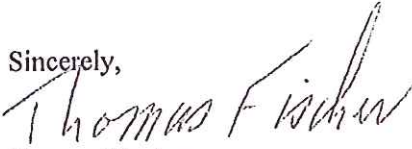
The extension request resolution submitted by the County includes the following:

- The County is currently updating its Plan.
- The County has completed the following items:
 - County resolution to update the Plan
 - notices sent to state and local groups to provide input
 - Priority Concerns Scoping Document (PCSD) developed and submitted to BWSR and State agencies for official review
- The County needs to complete:
 - BWSR southern region review committee meeting with the County to discuss the PCSD, and then make its recommendation to the full BWSR Board
 - develop the Plan based on inputs received from partners to address the priority concerns
 - conduct a public hearing to solicit final review comments
 - submit the Plan to the BWSR for State agency review and final approval
- The County is requesting an extension to:
 - provide for sufficient time to complete the Plan
 - provide sufficient time for all to review the final Plan
 - ensure the Plan meets the state's standards and the goals of the County
- The County is requesting an extension of the effective date of its current Plan until May 30, 2012.

I believe the County and its consultant have had adequate time to complete the Plan updating process; however, the consultant's working on four plans at the same time may have led to the need for the extension request. I do not recommend an extension of one year. I do recommend an extension of five months—new effective date of May 31, 2012.

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McLeod COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION # 12-CB-30

Request for Comprehensive Water Management Plan EXTENSION

September 18, 2012

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103B.301, Comprehensive Local Water Management Act, authorizes Minnesota Counties to develop and implement a local water management plan, and

WHEREAS, the current McLeod County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan is effective until December 31, 2012, and

WHEREAS, McLeod County is currently updating the Local Water Management Plan in accordance with Minnesota Statutes Chapter 103B.301, and

WHEREAS, McLeod County has completed the following items:

- 1) The county resolution to update the water plan, and
- 2) Notices sent to state and local groups inviting input on the plan update, and
- 3) The priority concerns scoping document has been developed and submitted to BWSR for the State Agency review, and

WHEREAS, McLeod County needs to complete the following:

- 1) The BWSR southern region review committee needs to schedule and meet with the county to review the priority concerns scoping document and then make its recommendation to the full BWSR Board, and
- 2) Develop the water plan based on inputs received from partners addressing priority concerns identified, and
- 3) Conduct a public hearing to solicit final review comments, make adjustments as necessary, and then submit the water plan to BWSR for State agency review and final approval by the BWSR Board, and

WHEREAS, McLeod County is hereby requesting an extension to:

- 1) Provide for sufficient time to complete the water plan, and
- 2) Provide for sufficient time for all to review the final water plan, and
- 3) Ensure that the updated water plan meets the states standards and the goals of the county, and

WHEREAS, McLeod County assures continued effort toward completion of the Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan update, and

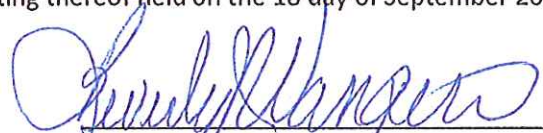
WHEREAS, the Act gives the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources the authority to extend the ending date of a current local water management plan for a period of up to one year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the McLeod County Board of Commissioners requests from the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources an extension of the effective date of the current County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan until May 30, 2013, 2013, in order to complete the update process in accordance with Minnesota Statutes Chapter 103B.301.

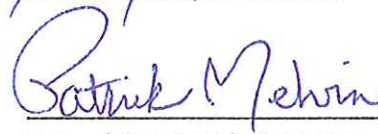
CERTIFICATION

State of Minnesota
Office of (County Administrator or County Auditor)
County of McLeod

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and correct copy of a resolution presented to and adopted by the County of McLeod at a duly authorized meeting thereof held on the 18 day of September 2012.



McLeod County Board Chair



McLeod County Administrator

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BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA ITEM TITLE:

Meeker County Comprehensive Local Water
Management Plan Extension Approval

Meeting Date: December 12, 2012

Agenda Category: ☒ Committee Recommendation ☒ New Business ☐ Old Business
Item Type: ☒ Decision ☐ Discussion ☐ Information

Section/Region: South Region

Contact: Jeff Nielsen

Prepared by: Thomas Fischer

Reviewed by: Southern Water Planning Committee(s)

Presented by: Paul Langseth, chair

☐ Audio/Visual Equipment Needed for Agenda Item Presentation

Attachments: ☐ Resolution ☒ Order ☐ Map ☒ Other Supporting Information

Fiscal/Policy Impact

- ☒ None ☐ General Fund Budget
☐ Amended Policy Requested ☐ Capital Budget
☐ New Policy Requested ☐ Outdoor Heritage Fund Budget
☐ Other: ☐ Clean Water Fund Budget

ACTION REQUESTED

Approval of the Meeker County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan extension request.

LINKS TO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

SUMMARY (Consider: history, reason for consideration now, alternatives evaluated, basis for recommendation)

The Meeker County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan (CLWMP) will expire on December 31, 2012. On October 9, 2012, the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) received a resolution from Meeker County requesting an extension of their CLWMP. BWSR staff have reviewed and recommend approval of the request.

On November 1, 2012, the BWSR Southern Water Planning Committee met with Meeker County to discuss the extension request. After discussion, the Committee decided with a unanimous vote to recommend approval of the Meeker County extension request and bring this recommendation forward to the full BWSR Board for review and action. BWSR's official state comment letter pertaining to the extension will need to be sent to Meeker County.



Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources
520 Lafayette Road North
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

In the Matter of Extending the
Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan
for Meeker County

ORDER
EXTENDING
WATER MANAGEMENT
PLAN

Whereas, the Meeker County Board of Commissioners has a state-approved Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan (Plan) that is effective until December 31, 2012, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 103B.301; and

Whereas, Meeker County has submitted a resolution requesting an extension of its Plan; and

Whereas, the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (Board) has authorization to grant extensions with or without conditions pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 103B.3367.

Now Therefore, the Board hereby makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions, and Order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

On October 9, 2012, the Board received a resolution from Meeker County requesting an extension of their Plan. The request is based on: the Priority Concerns Scoping Document (PCSD) has been submitted to the Board for state agency review; Meeker County will meet with the Board on November 1, 2012 to review and discuss the PCSD; the draft Plan will be available for public review in November 2012; Meeker County assures continued effort toward completion of the Plan update with an anticipated date for submission to the Board for final review by the end of 2012; extension of the effective date until May 31, 2013, in order to complete the update process.

On October 16, 2012, Board staff reviewed and recommended approval of the extension request made by Meeker County. Board staff recommendation was for a five-month extension.

On November 1, 2012, the Board's southern region water planning committee (Committee) met with representatives of Meeker County to discuss the extension request. The Committee deemed the extension request to be appropriate. The Committee's decision was to present to the Board a recommendation of approval of the Meeker County extension; effective until May 30, 2013.

On December 12, 2012, the Committee presented its recommendation of approval of the Meeker County extension request to the Board. The Board adopted the Committee's recommendation.

CONCLUSIONS

All relevant requirements of law have been fulfilled. The Board has proper jurisdiction in the matter of extending the Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan of Meeker County pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 103B.3367.

ORDER

The Board hereby approves the extension of the Meeker County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan until May 30, 2013. Meeker County shall strive to complete the updating of their Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan in a timely manner.

Dated at St. Paul, Minnesota this 12th day of December 2012.

MINNESOTA BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES

BY: Brian Napstad, Chair



October 16, 2012

Jeff Nielsen
Board of Water and Soil Resources
261 Highway 15 South
New Ulm, MN 56073

Dear Jeff:

I received an official resolution from Meeker County (County) requesting an extension of their current Local Water Management Plan (Plan). This current Plan is effective until December 31, 2012.

The Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) does have the authority to grant extensions of up to one year for an existing Plan's effective date. To provide some background information when considering the County's extension request, I offer the following chronology of the County's Plan updating process.

- On August 5, 2011, I met with all four local water plan coordinators from Kandiyohi, McLeod, Meeker, and Renville counties to review the Plan updating process and provided each with guidance materials. (These four counties have worked together since the beginning of local water planning, utilizing a consultant to develop each generation's Plan.)
- On September 26, 2011, I met with the four counties local water plan coordinators and the four counties' joint powers board to briefly review the Plan updating process. The joint powers board also discussed the process for obtaining a consultant to lead the Plan updating process.
- On November 1, 2011, the County passed a resolution to update the Plan; received by the BWSR on November 2, 2011.
- On December 8, 2011, the joint powers board selected the consultant.
- On March 23, 2012, the County started the process for development of its Priority Concerns Scoping Document (PCSD).
- On September 10, 2012, the County submitted their completed PCSD to BWSR and other State agencies for review and comment.
- On October 2, 2012, the County board of commissioners passed a resolution requesting an extension of its Plan; received by the BWSR on October 9, 2012.

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October 16, 2012
Meeker County Extension Request
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Initial discussions I had with the County and its consultant indicated that the extension request was going to be for just a few months beyond December 31, 2012. Because of the chronology I previously listed and the time it has taken the consultant to complete steps throughout the process, I encouraged the County to look at a date of May 30, 2012.

The extension request resolution submitted by the County includes the following:

- The County is currently updating its Plan.
- The County has submitted its PCSD to BWSR and State agencies for official review;
- The County will meet with the BWSR on November 1, 2012 to discuss the PCSD.
- The draft County Plan will be available for public review in November 2012.
- The County anticipates submitting the Plan to the BWSR for final review by the end of 2012.
- The County is requesting an extension of the effective date of its current Plan until May 30, 2012.

I believe the County and its consultant have had adequate time to complete the Plan updating process; however, the consultant's working on four plans at the same time may have led to the need for the extension request. I do not recommend an extension of one year. I do recommend an extension of five months—new effective date of May 31, 2012.

If you have questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at 507-359-6091 or at Tom.D.Fischer@state.mn.us

Sincerely,



Thomas Fischer
Board Conservationist

MEEKER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REQUEST FOR COMPREHENSIVE WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN EXTENSION
RESOLUTION # 2012-16

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103B.301, Comprehensive Local Water Management Act, authorizes Minnesota Counties to develop and implement a local water management plan; and

WHEREAS, the current Meeker County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan is effective until December 31, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Meeker County is currently updating the Local Water Management Plan in accordance with Minnesota Statutes Chapter 103B.301; and

WHEREAS, Meeker County has submitted its Priority Concerns Scoping Document (PCSD) to the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) and other State agencies for official review; and

WHEREAS, members of the Meeker County Water Plan Task Force are expected to meet with BWSR on November 1, 2012, to review the PCSD; and

WHEREAS, the draft Meeker County Water Plan will be available for public review in November 2012; and

WHEREAS, Meeker County assures continued effort toward completion of the Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan update, with an anticipated date for submission to BWSR for final review by the end of 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Act gives the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources the authority to extend the ending date of a current local water management plan for a period of up to one year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Meeker County Board of Commissioners requests from the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources an extension of the effective date of the current County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan until May 30, 2013, in order to complete the update process in accordance with Minnesota Statutes Chapter 103B.301.

Passed and Adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Meeker County, MN, on this 2nd day of October 2012.

By: James D. Johnson
Meeker County Board Chair

Attest: Barbara Loch
Barbara Loch, County Auditor

STATE OF MINNESOTA

MEEKER COUNTY

I, Barbara Loch, do hereby certify that I am the custodian of the minutes of all proceedings had and held by the Board of Commissioners of said Meeker County, that I have compared the above resolution with the original passed and adopted by the Board of Commissioners of said Meeker County at a regular meeting thereof held on the 2nd day of October 2012 at 8:30 AM, that the above constitutes a true and correct copy thereof, that the same has not been amended or rescinded and is in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto placed my hand and signature this 2nd day of October 2012, and have hereunto affixed the seal of the County.

Barbara Loch
County Auditor/Board Clerk

(SEAL)



BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA ITEM TITLE:

**Renville County Comprehensive Local Water
Management Plan Extension Approval**

Meeting Date: December 12, 2012

Agenda Category: ☒ Committee Recommendation ☒ New Business ☐ Old Business
Item Type: ☒ Decision ☐ Discussion ☐ Information
Section/Region: South Region
Contact: Jeff Nielsen
Prepared by: Thomas Fischer
Reviewed by: Southern Water Planning Committee(s)
Presented by: Paul Langseth, chair

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Attachments: ☐ Resolution ☒ Order ☐ Map ☒ Other Supporting Information

Fiscal/Policy Impact

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ACTION REQUESTED

Approval of the Renville County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan extension request.

LINKS TO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

SUMMARY *(Consider: history, reason for consideration now, alternatives evaluated, basis for recommendation)*

The Renville County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan (CLWMP) will expire on December 31, 2012. On October 11, 2012, the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) received a resolution from Renville County requesting an extension of their CLWMP. BWSR staff have reviewed and recommend approval of the request.

On November 1, 2012, the BWSR Southern Water Planning Committee met with Renville County to discuss the extension request. After discussion, the Committee decided with a unanimous vote to recommend approval of the Renville County extension request and bring this recommendation forward to the full BWSR Board for review and action. BWSR's official state comment letter pertaining to the extension will need to be sent to Renville County.



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In the Matter of Extending the
Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan
for Renville County

ORDER
EXTENDING
WATER MANAGEMENT
PLAN

Whereas, the Renville County Board of Commissioners has a state-approved Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan (Plan) that is effective until December 31, 2012, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 103B.301; and

Whereas, Renville County has submitted a resolution requesting an extension of its Plan; and

Whereas, the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (Board) has authorization to grant extensions with or without conditions pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 103B.3367.

Now Therefore, the Board hereby makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions, and Order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

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On December 12, 2012, the Committee presented its recommendation of approval of the Renville County extension request to the Board. The Board adopted the Committee's recommendation.

CONCLUSIONS

All relevant requirements of law have been fulfilled. The Board has proper jurisdiction in the matter of extending the Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan of Renville County pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 103B.3367.

ORDER

The Board hereby approves the extension of the Renville County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan until May 30, 2013. Renville County shall strive to complete the updating of their Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan in a timely manner.

Dated at St. Paul, Minnesota this 12th day of December 2012.

MINNESOTA BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES

BY: Brian Napstad, Chair



October 16, 2012

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Renville County Extension Request
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Sincerely,



Thomas Fischer
Board Conservationist



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**RENVILLE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION # 49-12
Request for Comprehensive Water Management Plan Extension**

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 103B.301, Comprehensive Local Water Management Act, authorizes Minnesota Counties to develop and implement a local water management plan; and

WHEREAS, the current Renville County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan is effective until December 31, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Renville County is currently updating the Local Water Management Plan in accordance with Minnesota Statutes Chapter 103B.301; and

WHEREAS, Renville County has submitted its Priority Concerns Scoping Document (PCSD) to the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) and other State agencies for official review; and

WHEREAS, members of the Renville County Water Plan Task Force are expected to meet with BWSR on November 1, 2012, to review the PCSD; and

WHEREAS, the draft Renville County Water Plan will be available for public review in November 2012; and

WHEREAS, Renville County assures continued effort toward completion of the Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan update, with an anticipated date for submission to BWSR for final review by the end of 2012; and

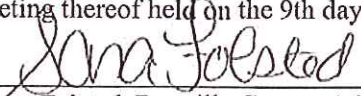
WHEREAS, the Act gives the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources the authority to extend the ending date of a current local water management plan for a period of up to one year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Renville County Board of Commissioners requests from the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources an extension of the effective date of the current County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan until May 30, 2013, in order to complete the update process in accordance with Minnesota Statutes Chapter 103B.301.

CERTIFICATION

State of Minnesota
Office of County Administration
County of Renville

I do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and correct copy of a resolution presented to and adopted by the County of Renville at a duly authorized meeting thereof held on the 9th day of October 2012.


Sara Folsted, Renville County Administrator

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Metro Water Planning Committee

1. Delivery of Conservation Services in Hennepin County – ***INFORMATION ITEM***



BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA ITEM TITLE:

Delivery Of Conservation Services In Hennepin County

Meeting Date: December 12, 2012

Agenda Category: ☒ Committee Recommendation ☐ New Business ☐ Old Business

Item Type: ☐ Decision ☐ Discussion ☐ Information

Section/Region: Metro

Contact: Jim Haertel

Prepared by: Jim Haertel

Reviewed by: Metro Water Planning Committee(s)

Presented by: Jim Haertel

☐ Audio/Visual Equipment Needed for Agenda Item Presentation

Attachments: ☒ Resolution ☐ Order ☐ Map ☒ Other Supporting Information

Fiscal/Policy Impact

☒ None

☐ Amended Policy Requested

☐ New Policy Requested

☐ General Fund Budget

☐ Capital Budget

☐ Outdoor Heritage Fund Budget

☐ Clean Water Fund Budget

☐ Other: _____

ACTION REQUESTED

Decision

LINKS TO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

SUMMARY *(Consider: history, reason for consideration now, alternatives evaluated, basis for recommendation)*

The attached BWSR staff report covers the history of the delivery of conservation services in Hennepin County over the past ten years by the Hennepin Conservation District and the Hennepin County Environmental Services Department. The report evaluates the results of a survey, presents analysis and conclusions.

Hennepin County proposed legislation the previous two years to dissolve the Hennepin Conservation District. The proposed legislation would have bypassed the statutory requirements of having at least 500 resident owners sign a citizen petition, holding a referendum, and requiring the BWSR to make a decision on the petition. The proposed legislation was not enacted. Some Hennepin County Commissioners, including the Chair, have informed BWSR they will propose legislation again in the 2013 session and aggressively seek enactment.

BWSR staff have been working with County staff to develop compromise language that would have the BWSR Board make a decision without a referendum on a dissolution petition that the Hennepin County Board could bring, while ensuring the continued delivery of conservation services in Hennepin County. The bill would be specific to Hennepin County. However, before undertaking the considerable effort to bring forth and support a compromise bill, Hennepin County wants a clear understanding of where the BWSR Board stands if compromise legislation is proposed and enacted.

BWSR staff support proposed compromise language by Hennepin County that would dissolve the Hennepin Conservation District through a decision of the BWSR Board without a referendum based on a petition filed by Hennepin County. The staff position is in consideration of the low functional capacity of the Hennepin Conservation District during the past ten years and the commitment of the County and its staff for delivering conservation services during that time. The County has determined it can deliver the conservation services more efficiently, more consistently, and at less cost than the District. A draft resolution, Version 1, is attached.

The Metro Water Planning Committee met on November 16. The meeting was attended by representatives of the Hennepin Conservation District, Hennepin County and MASWCD. Following a lengthy and robust discussion with many questions from the Committee members to the representatives, the Committee did not make a decision on the draft resolution and unanimously recommended the matter be on the BWSR Board meeting agenda.

At the meeting the MASWCD representative questioned whether the District would, in fact, be dissolved or if it would be a transfer of duties to the Hennepin County Board. An additional draft resolution, Version 2, is attached that includes an option for the transfer of duties from the Hennepin Conservation District to the Hennepin County Board instead of dissolving the District.

Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources Resolution No. 12-____

Delivery of Conservation Services by the Hennepin Conservation District and the Hennepin County Environmental Services Department

WHEREAS, after several years of informal intervention and assessment, BWSR staff has prepared a report titled “Delivery of Conservation Services by the Hennepin Conservation District and the Hennepin County Environmental Services Department” dated November 13, 2012, summarizing the status and relevant history of Hennepin Conservation District operations; and,

WHEREAS, Hennepin County intends to again propose legislation to dissolve the Hennepin Conservation District; and,

WHEREAS, Hennepin County staff, in consultation with BWSR staff, have drafted legislative language that would allow Hennepin County to file a dissolution petition with BWSR and the Board making a decision on the petition without a referendum; and,

WHEREAS, the Hennepin Conservation District has not had and does not have sufficient resources to support their statutory responsibilities; and,

WHEREAS, the Hennepin County Environmental Services Department has been carrying out the delivery of conservation programs for the past ten years and is committed to continuing to do so in the absence of the Hennepin Conservation District; and,

WHEREAS, the Board’s Metropolitan Water Planning Committee reviewed the staff report and discussed options directing Board staff to work with Hennepin County officials to pursue legislation consistent with the analysis and conclusions of the report.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board endorses the staff report dated November 13, 2012 and directs Board staff to work with Hennepin County officials to pursue legislation consistent with the analysis and conclusions of the report.

Dated at St. Paul, Minnesota this 12th day of December, 2012.

MINNESOTA BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES

BY: Brian Napstad, Chair

Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources Resolution No. 12-__

Delivery of Conservation Services in Hennepin County

WHEREAS, Hennepin County has indicated its intention to again propose legislation to dissolve the Hennepin Conservation District; and,

WHEREAS, the Hennepin County Environmental Services Department has been carrying out the delivery of conservation programs in Hennepin County for the past 10 years and the County has stated its commitment to continuing to do so should the Hennepin Conservation District be discontinued; and,

WHEREAS, the Hennepin Conservation District has not had, and continues to struggle to obtain, sufficient resources to support the District's statutory responsibilities; and,

WHEREAS, after several years of informal intervention and assessment, Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) staff has prepared a report titled "Delivery of Conservation Services by the Hennepin Conservation District and the Hennepin County Environmental Services Department" dated November 13, 2012, summarizing the status and relevant history of Hennepin Conservation District operations; and,

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes, section 103C.225 provides for the dissolution of a district and the filing of an application to discontinue the district with the Secretary of State following either; (1) a resolution to discontinue the district adopted by the majority of the district board, or (2) a petition filed by a prescribed number of residents of the district, the conduct of a referendum at the next general election and a decision by the Board of Water and Soil Resources that the continued operation of the district is not administratively feasible; and,

WHEREAS, Board and Hennepin County staff have outlined draft compromise legislative language that would allow Hennepin County to file a dissolution petition with the Board and would have the Board make a decision on the petition without a referendum; and,

WHEREAS, the Board's Metropolitan Water Planning considered the staff report and recommendation to direct Board staff to work with Hennepin County officials to pursue legislation consistent with the analysis and conclusions of the November 13, 2012 report at a meeting on November 16, 2012 and determined to bring the matter to the full Board for consideration without a recommendation of the Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, based on the unique history and circumstances of Hennepin County and the Hennepin Conservation District and staff conclusions in the staff report dated November 13, 2012, the Board directs Board staff to work with Hennepin County officials to pursue legislation specific to Hennepin County that is consistent with the following:

1. Allows the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners to directly petition the Board of Water and Soil Resources to transfer the duties and authorities of the Hennepin Conservation District to the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners, including the authorization for the County Board to assign the execution of these duties to an organizational unit of the County (e.g., the Hennepin County Department of Environmental Services). Such a provision will allow the County to petition BWSR with a decision to be made without the referendum required in Minnesota Statutes, section 103C.225.
2. Allows the Board of Water and Soil Resources to:
 - a. Determine if sufficient mechanisms exist for progress toward achieving the goals in Minnesota Statutes, section 103C.005 and other responsibilities with a discontinuance of the Hennepin Conservation District.
 - b. Review the implementation of soil and water conservation efforts in Hennepin County to determine if Hennepin County is sufficiently carrying out the duties of a soil and water conservation district and, if necessary, take action to assure the duties are carried out. These actions may include reducing, withholding, or redirecting grant funding or re-establishing the Hennepin Conservation District without a requirement for a referendum.
3. Permits Hennepin County to retain the same eligibility to receive state grant funds as the Hennepin Conservation District enjoyed.

Dated at St. Paul, Minnesota this 12th day of December, 2012.

MINNESOTA BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES

BY: Brian Napstad, Chair

Delivery of Conservation Services by the Hennepin Conservation District and the Hennepin County Environmental Services Department

Jim Haertel, Board of Water and Soil Resources
November 13, 2012

Introduction

Hennepin County proposed legislation the previous two years to dissolve the Hennepin Conservation District (HCD). The proposed legislation would have bypassed the statutory requirements of having at least 500 resident owners sign a citizen petition, holding a referendum, and requiring the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) to make a decision on the petition. The proposed legislation was not enacted. Some Hennepin County Commissioners, including the Chair, have informed BWSR they will propose legislation again in the 2013 session.

BWSR staff have been working with Hennepin County staff to develop compromise language (Attachment A) that would have the BWSR Board make a decision without a referendum on a dissolution petition that the Hennepin County Board could bring. The bill would be specific to Hennepin County. However, before undertaking the considerable effort to bring forth and support a compromise bill, Hennepin County wants a clear understanding of where the BWSR Board stands if compromise legislation is enacted.

History of HCD

HCD was largely defunded by the County in the winter of 2003. Because of internal turmoil within HCD, the Hennepin County Board withdrew all of its funding from the District in a vote on February 18, 2003. The County conducted a thorough and extensive assessment involving local government units and stakeholders that analyzed various service options and elected to assume most of the District's functions in a separate vote later that spring. Though the conservation district still exists, most of its previous functions are carried out by the Hennepin County Department of Environmental Services (HCES) through about a dozen staff. The District continues to function primarily through the grants it receives from BWSR, although the District has been subsidized by the County. The following table shows the various grants from BWSR to HCD, although the Natural Resources Block Grant to Hennepin County is not shown because the portion the County transfers to HCD requires a 1:1 match, thus there is no net gain in funds for HCD.

Hennepin Conservation District

	RIM Services	General Services	Cost Share	Metro WCA	Total
2005	\$1,440	\$33,071	\$21,072		\$55,583
2006	\$2,359	\$33,071	\$22,072		\$57,502
2007	\$2,383	\$33,071	\$23,072		\$58,526
2008	\$2,423	\$33,071	\$23,072	\$10,000	\$68,566
2009	\$2,364	\$31,417	\$23,072	\$10,000	\$66,853
2010	\$2,180	\$27,623	\$12,040	\$9,500	\$51,343
2011	\$1,459	\$25,093	\$12,968	\$9,500	\$49,020
2012	\$1,423	\$25,930	\$17,409		\$44,762
2013	\$1,394	\$25,930	\$17,409		\$44,733

The turn of events over the past ten years represents a departure from the District's previous successes. Many believe that the District as it once existed was one of the best in the state having a large number of staff with staff specialists such as a limnologist, hydrogeologist, and engineer. In addition to the standard SWCD role of working with local landowners, District employees used to provide extensive technical services to cities and Watershed Management Organizations (WMOs), especially in the less developed western portions of the County. The District was also a leader in groundwater modeling work and played an important role in environmental education efforts. One measure of the District's success was the response by other local entities when Hennepin County withdrew its funding. At least fourteen cities and townships, six WMOs, and five federal and state agencies contacted the County to urge it to provide replacement services.

By nearly all accounts, the District's problems came about as a result of infighting on the District's board. In November 2000, Hennepin County voters elected to the District board a former District employee who had been fired and who had subsequently engaged the District in a legal battle over her dismissal. This new board member challenged the legality of some District actions and the honesty of some of its employees. Board meetings became contentious. The other members of the board brought two lawsuits against the dissenting board member in July 2001, charging that she had publicly disparaged the District and inundated District staff with requests for records and files under the Data Practices Act. She countersued. The expense to the County of providing legal services by the County Attorney continued to increase.

As the turmoil on the board worsened, there were also concerns that the District would lose its capabilities through attrition of its experienced staff. The District's former manager personally initiated conversations with Hennepin County administrators and commissioners regarding the possibility of absorbing the District's functions. Meanwhile, Hennepin County and the District sought special legislation to make the District the only SWCD in the state with an appointed board. The proposed legislation failed.

In another development, a constituent dissatisfied with a District determination regarding wetlands on his property collected enough signatures to force a county-wide referendum on the District's dissolution. The referendum failed in the November 2002 election. However, in that same election, voters replaced two of the existing board members. Another two board members resigned shortly after the election, leaving the dissenting board member as the sole holdover from the previous board. In its first meeting with its new membership, the District's board fired its legal counsel and made the dissenting board member its (1) media and public affairs officer, and (2) representative on labor issues. The Hennepin County Board defunded the District shortly after this meeting and began a process of consultation with stakeholders to determine which of the District's functions the County should assume. All of the District's previous staff left the District in the wake of the defunding decision. Most of the previous staff took positions carrying out similar responsibilities with HCES. After the defunding vote, the dissenting board member resigned as well.

HCD's board was left with statutory authorities but without a budget and staff sufficient to carry them out. The District was able to draw upon cash reserves and BWSR base grant funding to hire a single staff person. However, the District sold or gave away many of its assets and retrenched to a very low level of activity. It distributed some cost-share conservation funds received through BWSR and worked on some wetlands issues. A review of the organization's minutes for 2003 and 2004 suggests that the vast majority of the board's time was devoted to internal administrative matters.

The organization muddled along until attrition and the November 2004 election produced another almost complete turnover of the board membership. The new chair, a leadership trainer who conducted workshops for SWCD board members around the state, led the new board in a series of discussions to examine its options. The board concluded that it could best serve the residents of the County by acting primarily as an advisory and advocacy committee. HCD approached Hennepin County to have County staff, who were essentially the District's pre-2003 personnel now under County auspices, carry out all of the functions of the District. A cooperative agreement was finalized in November 2006.

Board membership continued to turnover frequently. During the past five years, 13 different board members have rotated through the five positions and a board position has frequently been vacant. The past year is typical. A vacancy has existed on the board since February, one board member did not seek re-election, and one board member seeking re-election was unseated, thus 2013 will begin with three new board members. The other two members each have less than one year on the board. HCD has required more than its fair share of BWSR staff time without favorable results.

The November 2006 cooperative agreement had a term of four years with allowance for up to 3 one year amendments. The agreement was amended for 2011 and 2012. After 2013 the Hennepin County Board would need to take further action to continue the agreement. However, it is very unlikely an agreement would be continued after 2013 given the Hennepin County Board's actions to dissolve HCD. Hennepin County and HCD have yet to amend the agreement for 2013, although there appears to be an agreement in principle. The amended agreement would

no longer have County staff providing administrative services, instead HCD has hired a part time staff person for approximately \$20,000 per year.

Although Hennepin County essentially defunded HCD ten years ago, the County has subsidized HCD by providing technical and administrative services. HCD does not have sufficient funds to cover the County contribution. In 2011 the County relieved HCD of repaying approximately \$40,000 for services rendered to HCD by HCES staff. In 2011, County staff participated on 45 Technical Evaluation Panels, had 29 wetland violation cases in progress, prepared 6 restoration orders and imposed liens on property as a result of the landowner failing to comply with a restoration order. Similarly, from January 1 to September 30, 2012, services provided by HCES were approximately \$58,000, however HCD had a total of approximately \$46,000 in available funds. The gap will widen in the last quarter of 2012, especially since HCD has hired a part time staff person.

In 2013, under the proposed cooperative agreement amendment, the County will continue to provide technical services regarding the implementation of the Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) and Re-Invest in Minnesota (RIM) inspections at approximately \$28,000 below the actual cost. The County believes these programs are important and is willing to provide the necessary staff resources without full reimbursement. The implementation of WCA and RIM inspection responsibilities do not require formal board action and are routinely provided by County staff under County supervision. HCD board action is required for the approval of cost-share projects and contracts. To maintain the HCD board takes two dollars in administrative services for every dollar of cost-share provided by HCES. It is continually difficult for the County to justify expenditures to HCD when administrative costs are so high relative to the funds provided.

Surveys

Twenty-six surveys (Attachments B, C, D) were recently sent to local governments in Hennepin County, HCD and HCES to assess the conservation services that HCD and HCES provide and to help gauge any decline in those services if HCD no longer existed. Eight responses were received. Except for the HCD response, all of the responses to the surveys indicate:

- The only service HCD provides is associated with Technical Evaluation Panels required by the Wetland Conservation Act.
- HCES staff could provide the Wetland Conservation Act services that HCD does.
- There would be no decline in services if HCD did not exist.
- In the absence of HCD, the lack of elected SWCD supervisors would be no disadvantage.

Attachment A

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relating to local government; discontinuing Hennepin Conservation District and transferring duties; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 383B.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. [383B.76] DISCONTINUANCE OF HENNEPIN CONSERVATION DISTRICT; TRANSFER OF DUTIES.

- (a) Notwithstanding Chapter 103C.225, the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners may petition the Board of Water and Soil Resources to transfer the duties and authorities of the Hennepin Conservation District to the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners operating through the Hennepin County Department of Environmental Services or other organizational unit as assigned by the County board thereby discontinuing the District without a referendum which would otherwise be required under section 103C.225.
- (b) If the Board of Water and Soil Resources determines that sufficient mechanisms exist for progress toward achieving the goals in section 103C.005 and other responsibilities with a discontinuance of the Hennepin Conservation District, then the Board of Water and Soil Resources may discontinue the District indefinitely without a referendum.
- (c) Under a discontinuance of the Hennepin Conservation District, the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners operating through the Hennepin County Department of Environmental Services or other organizational unit as assigned by the County board has the duties and authorities of the District and retains the eligibility of the District for state grant funds .
- (d) Upon a determination by the Board of Water and Soil Resources under (b) to discontinue the Hennepin Conservation District, all contracts entered into, to which the District or District board was a party, remain in force and effect for the period provided in the contracts. The Hennepin County Board of Commissioners operating through the Hennepin County Department of Environmental Services or other organizational unit as assigned by the County board shall be substituted for the District or District board as party to the contracts and succeed to the District's rights and duties. Any assets of the District on the date of discontinuance of the District are transferred to the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners for the purposes of implementing the transferred duties and responsibilities.
- (e) If the Board of Water and Soil Resources finds that the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners operating through the Hennepin County Department of Environmental Services

or other organizational unit as assigned by the County board is not sufficiently carrying out the duties and responsibilities of a soil and water conservation District under chapter 103C, the Board of Water and Soil Resources may, in order:

- (1) reduce, withhold, or redirect grants and other funding if deficiencies have not been corrected as prescribed in a notice from the Board of Water and Soil Resources within one year from the date of the notice; and
- (2) reestablish the Hennepin Conservation District without a referendum after holding a public hearing and re-establish supervisor nomination Districts and appoint new supervisors to serve until supervisors are elected at the next general election.

Attachment B

Survey - Local Government Units

1. What water and land management programs and activities does Hennepin Conservation District provide for you or are you associated with?
2. What water and land management programs and activities does Hennepin County Environmental Services provide for you or are you associated with?
3. Which services currently provided by the Hennepin Conservation District could be covered by Hennepin County Environmental Services?
4. Which services currently provided by the Hennepin Conservation District would no longer be provided if the District did not exist?
5. What are the strengths and weaknesses of the Hennepin Conservation District?
6. What are the strengths and weaknesses of Hennepin County Environmental Services?
7. If Hennepin County Environmental Services did the work of the Hennepin Conservation District do you feel the lack of elected soil and water conservation District supervisors would be a disadvantage?

Attachment C

Survey – Hennepin County Environmental Services Department

1. What are the strengths and weaknesses of the Hennepin Conservation District?
2. What are the strengths and weaknesses of Hennepin County Environmental Services?
3. Which services currently provided by the Hennepin Conservation District could be covered by Hennepin County Environmental Services?
4. Which services currently provided by the Hennepin Conservation District would no longer be provided if the District did not exist?
5. If Hennepin County Environmental Services did the work of the Hennepin Conservation District how would the planning and prioritization of services be done in the absence of the SWCD Comprehensive Plan?
6. If Hennepin County Environmental Services did the work of the Hennepin Conservation District do you feel the lack of elected soil and water conservation District supervisors would be a disadvantage?

Attachment D

Survey – Hennepin Conservation District

1. Where has HCD made the most progress in implementing long range goals and objectives in the past five years?
2. Which goals and objectives has HCD had the most difficulty in making progress on? What are the most likely reasons for this lack of progress?
3. How often does the Board review progress?
4. What are the strengths and weaknesses of the Hennepin Conservation District?
5. What are the strengths and weaknesses of Hennepin County Environmental Services?
6. Which services currently provided by the Hennepin Conservation District could be covered by Hennepin County Environmental Services?
7. Which services currently provided by the Hennepin Conservation District would no longer be provided if the District did not exist?
8. If Hennepin County Environmental Services did the work of the Hennepin Conservation District do you feel the lack of elected soil and water conservation District supervisors would be a disadvantage?

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Grants Program and Policy Committee

1. FY2013 CWF Competitive Grants Recommendation – Dave Weirens – ***DECISION ITEM***
2. Reallocation of a Targeted Drainage Water Management Grant – Tim Gillette –
DECISION ITEM



Conflict of Interest Disclosure for Grant Application Reviewer

Grant Program: FY2013 CWF Competitive Grants

Date: December 12, 2012

Name of Review Group: Grants Program and Policy Committee

Grant Making Meeting Procedure

Meetings that are part of the grant making process will include an agenda item to identify and disclose actual or perceived conflicts of interest. During this agenda item, the chair of the meeting shall make a statement that defines what a conflict of interest is and a request that meeting participants disclose any actual or perceived conflicts. This statement is as follows:

Chair Statement: "A conflict of interest whether actual, potential, or perceived, occurs when someone in a position of trust has competing professional or personal interests and these competing interests make it difficult to fulfill professional duties impartially. At this time, members are requested to declare conflicts of interest they may have regarding today's business."

This form gives grant application reviewers an opportunity to disclose any actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest that may exist during a grant review process. It is the grant reviewer's obligation to be familiar with the Office of Grants Management (OGM) Policy 08-01, Conflict of Interest Policy for State Grant-Making and to disclose any conflicts of interest accordingly.

All grant reviewers must complete and sign a conflict of interest disclosure form. The grant reviewer must identify any grant applicant with which they have an actual, potential or perceived conflict, but is not required to explain the reason for the conflict of interest on this disclosure form as this form is considered public data under Minn. Statute 13.599- Grants, but must discuss with appropriate agency or grant program personnel. A disclosure does not automatically result in the grant application reviewer being removed from the review process.

Please read the definition of conflict of interest below and mark the appropriate boxes that pertain to you and your status as a reviewer of applications for this Grant Program.

Description of actual, potential, and perceived conflicts of interest

Actual conflict of interest:

An actual conflict of interest shall be deemed to exist when a review of the situation by the grant reviewer or other agency personnel determines that a decision or action by the grant reviewer would compromise a duty to another party.

OGM Policy 08-01 determines that an actual conflict of interest exists when any one of the following conditions is present:

1. A state employee or a grant reviewer uses his/her status or position to obtain special advantage, benefit, or access to the grantee or grant applicant's time, services, facilities, equipment, supplies, badge, uniform, prestige, or influence.
2. A state employee or a grant reviewer receives or accepts money or anything else of value from a state grantee or grant applicant or has equity or a financial interest in or partial or whole ownership of an applicant organization.

3. A state employee or a grant reviewer is an employee or board member of a grant applicant or grantee applicants or is a family member of anyone involved in the grantee or grant applicant's agency.

Potential Conflict of Interest:

A potential conflict of interest may exist if a grant application reviewer has a relationship, affiliation, or other interest that could create an inappropriate influence if the person is called on to make a decision or recommendation that would affect one or more of those relationships, affiliations, or interests. For example, a grant reviewer that serves in a volunteer capacity for an applicant organization has the potential to, but does not necessarily create a conflict of interest, depending on the nature of the relationship between the two parties.

A disclosed potential conflict of interest warrants additional discussion between the grant reviewer and appropriate agency or grant program personnel in order to identify the nature of the relationship, affiliation, or other interest and mitigate any potential conflicts.

Perceived Conflict of Interest:

Per OGM Policy 08-01, a perceived conflict of interest is any situation in which a reasonable third party would conclude that conflicting duties or loyalties exist.

A disclosed perceived conflict of interest warrants additional discussion between the grant reviewer and appropriate agency or grant program personnel in order to identify and mitigate any perceived conflicts.

As a grant reviewer, I certify that I have read and understand the description of conflict of interests explained above and in OGM Policy 08-01 and (check one of the three boxes below):

- ☐ I do not have any conflicts of interest relating to this program's grant applicants or proposed projects and I will participate in the review process.
- ☐ I have reviewed the list of applicants, and I have an ACTUAL, POTENTIAL, or PERCEIVED conflict of interest with the applicant(s) listed below. I will still participate in the review process and I will abstain from scoring, discussing and making decisions on any issues in relation to the applicant(s) listed below. *(The grant reviewer must state any and all applicants with which he/she has a conflict of interest and may describe the nature of the conflict in the space below, but a description is not required on this form since this form is considered public data.*

_____	_____
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- ☐ After reviewing the Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form and OGM Policy 08-01, I am UNABLE or CHOOSE NOT to participate in this review process.

If at any time during the review process I discover a conflict of interest, I will stop reviewing any grant applications I may have received and disclose that conflict immediately to appropriate agency or grant program personnel.

Reviewer's printed name: _____

Reviewer's signature: _____

Date: _____

Reviewer's Organization/Agency: _____



BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA ITEM TITLE:

Fy 2013 Competitive Grants Program Funding Recommendation

Meeting Date: December 12, 2012

Agenda Category: ☒ Committee Recommendation ☐ New Business ☐ Old Business
Item Type: ☒ Decision ☐ Discussion ☐ Information
Section/Region: Land and Water Section
Contact: Dave Weirens
Prepared by: Dave Weirens and Clean Water Specialists
Reviewed by: Grants Program and Policy Committee(s)
Presented by: _____

☐ Audio/Visual Equipment Needed for Agenda Item Presentation

Attachments: ☒ Resolution ☐ Order ☐ Map ☒ Other Supporting Information

Fiscal/Policy Impact

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| <input type="checkbox"/> None | <input type="checkbox"/> General Fund Budget |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Amended Policy Requested | <input type="checkbox"/> Capital Budget |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Policy Requested | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Heritage Fund Budget |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clean Water Fund Budget |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | |

ACTION REQUESTED

The Board is requested to consider the recommendation of the Grants Program and Policy Committee to award Clean Water Grant Funds to local government applicants in the following program categories: Clean Water Assistance, Livestock Waste Management, SSTS Abatement, Accelerated Implementation, Community Partners Conservation Program, and Conservation Drainage.

LINKS TO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

SUMMARY *(Consider: history, reason for consideration now, alternatives evaluated, basis for recommendation)*

On June 27, 2012 the Board adopted resolution #12-54 which authorized staff to conduct an request for proposals from eligible local governments for Clean Water Fund projects in seven program categories: Clean Water Assistance, Livestock Waste Management, SSTS Abatement, Accelerated Implementation, Community Partners Conservation Program and Conservation Drainage.

Applications were accepted from August 1, 2012 until September 14, 2012. A total of 286 applications were received that requested nearly \$68 million. Total available grant funds are \$18,342,362. BWSR staff conducted multiple processes to review and score applications, all of them involving staff from other agencies.

The attached recommendation overview, spreadsheets, and resolution contain detail on the applications and proposed funding awards.

Board Resolution # 12-

**FY 2013 COMPETITIVE GRANTS PROGRAM
FUNDING RECOMMENDATION**

WHEREAS, Laws of Minnesota 2011, 1st Special Session, Chapter 6, Article 2, Section 7 appropriated Clean Water Fund (CWF) funds to the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR); and,

WHEREAS, Laws of Minnesota 2011, 1st Special Session, Chapter 6, Article 2, Section 7(j) authorize the Board to shift funds to “leverage federal or other non-state funds or to address oversight responsibilities or high-priority needs identified in local water management plans”, and;

WHEREAS, BWSR has authority under Minn. Stat. 103B.3369 to make grants to cities, townships, counties, soil and water conservation districts, watershed districts, joint powers organizations and other special purpose districts and authorities with jurisdiction in water and related land resources management when a proposed project or activity implements a county water plan, watershed management plan or county groundwater plan; and,

WHEREAS, BWSR implementation of appropriated CWF funds is based on the Minnesota Constitution, Article XI, Section 15 which provides that funds may be “spent only to protect, enhance, and restore water quality in lakes, rivers, and streams and to protect groundwater from degradation”, and that “dedicated money under this section must supplement traditional sources of funding for these purposes and may not be used as a substitute”; and,

WHEREAS, BWSR has previously endorsed an inter-agency granting strategy that includes the MN Department of Agriculture (MDA), the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), and BWSR with the goal of effectively coordinating water quality projects funded by the CWF; and,

WHEREAS, the CWF implementation strategy incorporates Minn. Stat. 114D.20 which directs the implementation of Clean Water Funds to be coordinated with existing authorities and program infrastructure; and,

WHEREAS, the CWF implementation strategy recognizes that funding decisions should be based on the best available scientific information and directed to where clean water protection, enhancement and restoration work is most needed and most effective; and,

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2012 (Board Resolution # 12-54) the Board:

1. Authorized staff to finalize, distribute and promote a Request For Proposals (RFP) for the FY2013 Clean Water Fund and Competitive Grants Program consistent with the provisions of Clean Water Fund appropriations made in Laws of Minnesota 2011, 1st Special Session, Chapter 6, Article 2, Section 7, Minn. Stat. 103B.3369 and this Board resolution; and,
2. Adopted the FY2013 Clean Water Fund Competitive Grants Policy; and,

WHEREAS, FY 2013 CWF competitive grant funds in the following amounts were made available to local governments through the RFP process that was open for applications from August 8 to September 20, 2011:

- A. \$18,342,362 from the CWF appropriated to BWSR, in the following categories:
 - 1. \$14,000,000 for Clean Water Assistance Grants, including targets of \$2.0 million for Livestock Waste Management Grants and \$1.5 million for SSTs Abatement;
 - 2. \$2,000,000 for Accelerated Implementation Grants;
 - 3. \$942,362 for Conservation Drainage Management Grants;
 - 4. \$1,400,000 for Community Partners Conservation Program Grants; and
- B. Up to \$4.5 million of Agricultural Best Management Practices Loan Program CWF Funds appropriated to the MDA; and,

WHEREAS, BWSR staff implemented a communication effort that included:

- email notification to eligible grantees on July 13, 2012, July 30, 2012, and published in the State Register on July 30, 2012 of the available CWF grant funds;
- webinars were held on July 12, July 16, July 17, July 19, July 31, August 1 and August 7 to review the grant programs; and
- a question and answer document were established on the BWSR website to provide an accessible information outlet; and,

WHEREAS, local governments throughout the state submitted 211 applications that requested \$48,355,552 in state funds for Clean Water Assistance projects; and,

WHEREAS, the FY 2013 Clean Water Assistance project proposals were initially assessed by BWSR staff and then evaluated and scored by an interagency team consisting of staff from the MDA, the DNR, the MPCA, the MDH, and the BWSR based on the following criteria:

- 1. Project Description: The proposed project demonstrates a high potential of long-term success based on project organization and management structure, partner support and community involvement within the project area,
- 2. Anticipated Outcomes: The outcomes expected upon completion of the project initiatives on the water resources are identified, including a description of the resulting primary and secondary public benefits such as pollution reduction, groundwater or drinking water protection, hydrologic restoration, or aquatic health improvement,
- 3. Project Readiness: The application has a set of specific initiatives that can be implemented soon after grant award, and
- 4. Prioritization and Relationship to Plan: The proposal is based on priority protection or restoration actions listed in or derived from an approved local water management plan or address pollutant load reductions prescribed in an approved TMDL, and;

WHEREAS, local governments throughout the state submitted applications that requested \$6,812,654 in state funds for 64 Livestock Waste Management projects; and,

WHEREAS, the FY 2013 Clean Water Assistance-Livestock Waste Management project proposals were initially assessed by BWSR staff and then evaluated and scored by BWSR staff with input by MPCA staff based on the following criteria:

1. Anticipated Outcomes,
2. Prioritization and Relationship to Plan,
3. Located in Riparian Zone, and;

WHEREAS, local governments throughout the state submitted 12 applications that requested \$1,631,156 in state funds for SSTs Abatement Grants; and,

WHEREAS, the FY 2013 SSTs Abatement project proposals were initially assessed by BWSR staff and then evaluated and scored by BWSR staff with input by MPCA staff based on the following criteria:

1. Prioritization and Relationship to Plan,
2. SSTs Located in a Riparian Zone,
3. SSTs identified, and;

WHEREAS, local governments throughout the state submitted 54 applications that requested \$6,900,000 in state funds for Clean Water Accelerated Implementation projects; and,

WHEREAS, the FY 2013 Clean Water Accelerated Implementation project proposals were initially assessed by BWSR staff and then evaluated and scored by an interagency team consisting of staff from the MDA, the DNR, the MPCA, the MDH, and the BWSR based on the following criteria:

1. Clarity of project's goals, standards addressed and projected impact on land and water management and enhanced effectiveness of future implementation projects,
2. Prioritization and Relationship to Plan: The proposal is based on priority protection or restoration actions listed in or derived from an approved local water management plan or address pollutant load reductions prescribed in an approved TMDL,
3. Means and measures for assessing the program's impact and capacity to measure project outcomes, and
4. Timeline for implementation, and;

WHEREAS, local governments throughout the state submitted 26 applications that requested \$2,300,000 in state funds for Community Partners Conservation Program projects; and,

WHEREAS, the FY 2013 Community Partners Conservation Program project proposals were initially assessed by BWSR staff and then evaluated and scored by an interagency team consisting of staff from the MDA, the DNR, the MPCA, the MDH, and the BWSR based on the following criteria:

1. Clarity of project goals, projected impact, and involvement with community partners,
2. Prioritization and Relationship to Plan: The proposal is based on priority protection or restoration actions listed in or derived from an approved local water management plan or address pollutant load reductions prescribed in an approved TMDL,
3. Plan for assessing the programs impact and capacity to measure project outcomes, and
4. LGU capacity to implement the local grant program processes and protocols, and;

WHEREAS, local governments throughout the state submitted 13 applications that requested \$1,970,000 in state funds for Conservation Drainage Projects; and,

WHEREAS, the Conservation Drainage project proposals were initially assessed by BWSR staff and then evaluated and scored by the Drainage Management Team, which consists of staff from the MDA, the DNR, the MPCA, University of Minnesota, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, Minnesota State University-Mankato, and the BWSR based on the following criteria:

1. Problem Identification & Relationship to Plan,
2. Consistency with Conservation Drainage Program Purposes,
3. Project Located on a Public Drainage System,
4. Project Evaluation Plan,
5. Public Outreach Plans, and
6. Overall Proposal Quality and Completeness, and;

WHEREAS, the BWSR Senior Management Team reviewed the proposed FY 2013 CWF Competitive Grant allocations on November 13, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Grants Program and Policy Committee reviewed FY2013 CWF Competitive Grants Program proposals developed by staff on November 28, 2012.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board hereby:

- 1) Approves allocations to implement the FY 2013 CWF Competitive Grant Program according to the attached funding recommendation spreadsheets and the attached scoring results and funding recommendations document for the following programs and recommended allocation amounts shown below:

<u>Grant Program</u>	<u>Allocated Funds</u>
A. Clean Water Assistance Grants	\$10,500,000
B. Livestock Waste Management Grants	\$1,668,199
C. SSTs Abatement Grants	\$1,631,794
D. Accelerated Implementation Grants	\$2,000,000
E. Conservation Drainage Grants:	\$ 942,362
F. Community Partners Conservation Program Grants	\$1,400,000

- 2) Authorizes staff to forward a recommendation to the MDA to allocate \$262,638 of Agricultural BMP Loan Program funds to projects and activities proposed through BWSR-led competitive grant making processes, and

- 3) Authorizes staff to use the proportion of the amount leveraged or match as a tiebreaker for equal project scores to award available funds, and

- 4) Authorizes staff to:

- A. approve project workplans,
- B. enter into grant agreements consistent with this resolution and Legislative appropriations,

- C. assign funds , noted in (1) that may become available, to unfunded projects, in rank order, if funded projects are withdrawn, do not receive workplan approval by March 1, 2013 unless extended for cause, or are modified to reduce the state funding needed to accomplish the project, and
- D. assign prior fiscal year CWF grant funds that were previously awarded and unallocated fiscal year 2013 funds in following priority order:
1. Fully funds projects that were partially funded in the following priority order:
 - a. Accelerated Implementation Grant Program projects;
 - b. Clean Water Assistance Grant Program projects; and
 - c. Community Partners Conservation Program projects.
 2. Unfunded Accelerated Implementation Grant Program projects in rank order; and
 3. Clean Water Assistance Grant Program projects in rank order

Date: _____

Brian Napstad, Chair
Board of Water and Soil Resources

Attachments:

1. FY2013 Clean Water Assistance Grant Recommendations
2. FY2013 Livestock Waste Management Grant Recommendations
3. FY2013 SSTS Abatement Grant Recommendations
4. FY2013 Accelerated Implementation Grant Recommendations
5. FY2013 Community Partner Conservation Program Grant Recommendations
6. FY2013 Conservation Drainage management Program Grant Recommendations
7. FY2013 Clean Water Fund: Scoring Results and Funding Recommendations

BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES

FY2013 Clean Water Fund Competitive Grants

November 28, 2012

Applications for the FY2013 Clean Water Fund Competitive Grants were accepted from August 1 through September 14. Local governments submitted 286 applications requesting \$67,974,634 in Clean Water Funds. For purposes of reviewing and scoring the applications, they were divided into the following categories:

- **CWF Competitive Grants:** Clean Water Assistance (except for Livestock Waste Management and SSTs Abatement); Accelerated Implementation; and Community Partners Conservation Program.
- **CWF Clean Water Assistance Grants:** Livestock Waste Management and SSTs Abatement.
- **Conservation Drainage Management Grants.**

The Interagency Scoring Team consisting of staff from BWSR, DNR, MDA, MDH, and MPCA met on November 1 and 2 to score the CWF Competitive Grants. BWSR Clean Water Specialists met on October 16 to review and score the Livestock Waste Management and SSTs Grant applications. The Drainage Management Team met on November 8 to score the Conservation Drainage applications. The resulting funding recommendations were reviewed by the BWSR Senior Management Team on November 13.

CWF Competitive Grants.

The FY2013 CWF Competitive Grants consists of 5 separate funds, as shown below:

FY2013 Competitive CWF Competitive Grant Programs	FY13 Available Funds	Requested Funds
Clean Water Assistance Grants	\$10,500,000	\$48,355,552
Clean Water Assistance Grants: Livestock Waste Management	\$2,000,000 (target)	\$6,812,654
Clean Water Assistance Grants: SSTs Abatement	\$1,500,000 (target)	\$1,631,156
Clean Water Accelerated Implementation Grants	\$2,000,000	\$6,900,000
Community Partners Conservation Program Grants	\$1,400,000	\$2,300,000

Conservation Drainage Grants	\$942,362	\$1,970,000
MDA Ag BMP Loans	\$4,500,000	\$262,638
Total	\$22,900,000	

Clean Water Assistance Grants:

Funds are to be used to protect, enhance and restore water quality in lakes, rivers and streams and to protect groundwater and drinking water. Activities include structural and vegetative practices to reduce runoff and retain water on the land, livestock water quality projects, Subsurface Sewage Treatment System (SSTS) abatement grants for low income individuals, and stream bank, stream channel and shoreline protection projects.

A total of 211 applications for Clean Water Assistance Grant Funds were received. Of this total, 145 applications were scored. Seventy-two applications were not scored as they were assessed as low (53 applications) by BWSR staff or determined to be ineligible (13 applications). The criteria used in the BWSR assessments and interagency scoring are shown below.

Clean Water Assistance Ranking Criteria	
Ranking Criteria	Maximum Points Possible
<u>Project Description:</u> The proposed project demonstrates a high potential of long-term success based on project organization and management structure, partner support and community involvement within the project area.	20
<u>Anticipated Outcomes:</u> The outcomes expected upon completion of the project initiatives on the water resources are identified, including a description of the resulting primary and secondary public benefits such as pollution reduction, groundwater or drinking water protection, hydrologic restoration, or aquatic health improvement.	35
<u>Project Readiness:</u> The application has a set of specific initiatives that can be implemented soon after grant award.	20
<u>Prioritization and Relationship to Plan:</u> The proposal is based on priority protection or restoration actions listed in or derived from an approved local water management plan or address pollutant load reductions prescribed in an approved TMDL.	25

Total Points Available	100
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Recommendation:

1. Fully fund the highest scoring 47 applications and partially fund the 48th (CWF13-16, Chisago SWCD) by using \$200,007 in funds not proposed to be used to fund Livestock Waste Management projects.
2. CWF 13-96, Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance (#5) and CWF13-102, Renville County (#35) are recommended for 50% funding due to non-specific project locations.
3. CWF 13-150, Goodhue SWCD (#21) and CWF13-71, Aitkin SWCD (#104) are recommended to seek Flood Disaster Response Funds.

Clean Water Assistance – Livestock Waste Management Grants:

BWSR set a target of \$2,000,000 of the Clean Water Assistance funds to be allocated towards livestock waste management projects in FY2013. A total of 64 individual feedlots requesting \$6,812,654 were determined to be eligible for funding and were scored by the BWSR Clean Water Specialists using the scoring criteria shown below.

Livestock Waste Management Ranking Criteria	
Ranking Criteria	Maximum Points Possible
Anticipated Outcomes	45
Prioritization and Relationship to Plan	20
Located in Riparian Zone	35
Total Points Available	100

Recommendation:

1. Fully fund the highest scoring 13 livestock waste management applications that include 17 feedlots.
2. Re-allocate \$128,794 to SSTS Abatement.
3. Re-allocate \$203,007 to Clean Water Assistance.

Feedlot projects scored below 75 were not recommended for funding due to the fact that the proposed project's pollution reduction potential and outcomes were significantly less than the projects of score 75 and above.

Clean Water Assistance – SSTS Abatement Grants:

BWSR set a target of \$1,500,000 of the Clean Water Assistance funds to be allocated towards SSTS Abatement projects in FY2013. A total of 12 applications requesting \$1,631,794 were determined to be eligible for funding and were scored by the BWSR Clean Water Specialists using the scoring criteria shown below.

SSTS Abatement Ranking Criteria	
Ranking Criteria	Maximum Points Possible
Prioritization and Relationship to Plan	15
SSTS Located in a Riparian Zone	40
SSTS identified	45
Total Points Available	100

Recommendation:

Fully fund all identified low-income SSTs including 4 community systems in cooperation with the Public Facilities Authority by using all of the \$1,500,000 target plus \$131,794 in funds not proposed to be used to fund Livestock Waste Management projects.

Accelerated Implementation Grants:

These funds are for projects and activities (such as ordinances, organizational capacity, and state of the art targeting tools and planning) that complement, supplement, or exceed current state standards for protection, enhancement, and restoration of water quality in lakes, rivers, streams and tributary Chapter 103E drainage systems or that protect groundwater from degradation.

A total of 54 applications for Accelerated Implementation Grant Funds were received. Of this total, 37 applications were scored. Seventeen applications were not scored as they were assessed as low (15 applications) by BWSR staff or determined to be ineligible (2 applications). The criteria used in the BWSR assessments and interagency scoring are shown below.

Clean Water Accelerated Implementation Grants Ranking Criteria	
Ranking Criteria	Maximum Points Possible
Clarity of project's goals, standards addressed and projected impact on land and water management and enhanced effectiveness of future implementation projects.	40
<u>Prioritization and Relationship to Plan:</u> The proposal is based on priority protection or restoration actions listed in or derived from an approved local water management plan or address pollutant load reductions prescribed in an approved TMDL.	25
Means and measures for assessing the program's impact and capacity to measure project outcomes.	20
Timeline for implementation.	15
Total Points Available	100

Recommendation:

Fully fund the 13 highest scored applications, and partially fund Cook County SWCD (#14). In addition, application CWF13-124-South St. Louis SWCD (#24) is recommended to seek Flood Disaster Response Funds.

Community Partners Conservation Program Grants:

These funds are to be used for community partners within a LGUs jurisdiction to implement structural and vegetative practices to reduce stormwater runoff and retain water on the land to reduce the movement of sediment, nutrients and pollutants. LGUs will be the primary applicant and provide sub-grants to community partners who are implementing practices to accomplish restoration, protection or enhancement of water quality in lakes, rivers and streams and/or protection of groundwater and drinking water.

A total of 26 applications for Community Partners Conservation Program Grant Funds were received. Of this total, 21 applications were scored. Five applications were not scored as they were assessed as low (3 applications) by BWSR staff or determined to be ineligible (2 applications). The criteria used in the BWSR assessments and interagency scoring are shown below.

Community Partners Conservation Program Grant Ranking Criteria	
Ranking Criteria	Maximum Points Possible
Clarity of project goals, projected impact, and involvement with community partners.	40
Prioritization and Relationship to Plan: The proposal is based on priority protection or restoration actions listed in or derived from an approved local water management plan or address pollutant load reductions prescribed in an approved TMDL.	30
Plan for assessing the programs impact and capacity to measure project outcomes.	20
LGU capacity to implement the local grant program processes and protocols.	10
Total Points Available	100

Recommendation:

Fully fund the 15 highest scoring applications. This recommendation leaves \$26,965 in unallocated funds.

Conservation Drainage Management Grants

The purpose of these grants is to facilitate the installation of conservation practices on drainage systems through planning and project implementation to improve water quality and local hydrologic conditions.

A total of 13 applications for Conservation Drainage Management Grant Funds were received. Of this total, 6 applications were scored. Seven applications were not scored as they were assessed as low (4 applications) by BWSR staff or determined to be ineligible (3 applications). The criteria used in the BWSR assessments and interagency scoring are shown below.

Conservation Drainage Management Grant Ranking Criteria	
Ranking Criteria	Maximum Points Possible
Problem Identification and Relationship to Local Plan	20
Consistency with Conservation Drainage Management Program Purposes	30
Project Located on a Public Drainage System	10
Project Evaluation Plan	10
Outreach Plan	10
Overall Proposal Quality and Completeness	20
Total Points Available	100

Recommendation:

Fully fund the highest scoring 5 applications and partially fund the sixth (CWF12-254-Sauk River Watershed District).

Agriculture Best Management Practices Loan Funds.

A total of \$262,638 in Agriculture BMP Loan Funds were requested, all in combination with the Clean Water Assistance - Livestock Waste Management Grants.

FY13 Clean Water Assistance Grant Allocation Recommendations

Row	CWF ID	Applicant	County	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Amount Leveraged	Title	Project Abstract	Project Description (20 pts)	Anticipated Outcomes (35 pts)	Project Readiness (20 pts)	Prioritization and Relationship (25 pts)	Average Score (100 pts)
1	CWF13-279	Rice County Environmental Services	Rice	\$ 31,500	\$31,500	\$ 7,875	Targeted Cost-Share Well Sealing in Rice County DWSMAs	The purpose of this project is to provide cost-share well sealing funds to target sealing of unused wells located in highly vulnerable areas within both the City of Faribault, and the City of Northfield's DWSMAs, and other vulnerable areas of Rice County.	17.2	28.8	17.0	21.5	84.5
2	CWF13-203	Blue Earth County	Blue Earth	\$ 30,000	\$30,000	\$ 30,000	Blue Earth County Water Well Sealing Cost Share Project	The purpose of this project is to expand the County's long standing, locally-funded well sealing cost share program and allow for improved targeting efforts.	17.0	28.6	18.0	20.0	83.6
3	CWF13-201	Crow Wing Soil and Water Conservation District	Crow Wing	\$ 329,750	\$329,750	\$ 85,000	Stormwater Retrofit as an Asset: Brainerd Community Mississippi Revitalization	The purpose of this project is to install raingardens, shoreline stabilizations, and bioretention areas within the Little Buffalo Creek subwatershed. The project goals and prioritization are from a recently completed Little Buffalo Creek Stormwater Best Management Practice Retrofit Analysis report.	17.2	24.7	16.1	20.8	78.8
4	CWF13-259	Nobles SWCD	Nobles	\$ 285,508	\$285,508	\$ 81,992	Nobles County Erosion Control Practices	This purpose of this project is to install eighteen conservation practices throughout Nobles County to address the Turbidity impairments in streams within Nobles County.	15.7	25.0	16.8	18.8	76.3
5	CWF13-96	The Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance	Multi-County	\$ 850,000	\$425,000	\$ 250,000	Targeting and Addressing Ravines in the Greater Blue Earth Basin	The purpose of this project is to install best management practices to address severe ravines and gullies in targeted specific locations with the Greater Blue Earth River Basin.	15.4	26.5	14.5	19.5	75.9
6	CWF13-121	Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation District	Stearns	\$ 46,624	\$46,624	\$ 14,780	Thiel Creek Streambank and Watershed Stabilization for Phosphorus Reduction	The purpose of this project is to stabilize nine streambank failure sites utilizing bioengineering methods. There will also be two water and sediment basins installed to reduce the impact of overland flow.	15.1	25.6	16.2	19.1	75.9
7	CWF13-41	Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District	Dakota	\$ 300,000	\$300,000	\$ 80,000	Dakota County Clean Water Retrofit Partnership	The purpose of this project is to continue and build on the momentum developed through the successful Stormwater Retrofit Partnership that received Clean Water Funds in 2010 and 2012. The project will complete up to 20 additional stormwater retrofit projects.	15.5	22.3	15.8	20.3	74.0
8	CWF13-128	Two Rivers Watershed District	Multi-County	\$ 200,000	\$200,000	\$ 50,000	Lake Bronson Watershed Runoff Reduction Project - Phase III	The purpose of this project is to reduce runoff and decrease movement of sediment, nutrients and bacteria by targeting, prioritizing and installing vegetative practices and installing Side Water Inlets within the Lake Bronson watersheds.	15.0	24.3	15.3	19.1	73.7
9	CWF13-81	Nicollet SWCD	Nicollet	\$ 683,950	\$683,950	\$ 170,988	Seven Mile Creek Watershed Riparian Enhancements for Water Quality	The purpose of this project is to target conservation work to ravines as the principal source of sediment to Seven Mile Creek. This project will also include installation of grassland buffers, water and sediment control basins, and riparian restoration and revegetation.	14.4	24.3	15.3	19.5	73.5
10	CWF13-252	Clearwater SWCD	Clearwater	\$ 119,089	\$119,089	\$ 36,581	Protecting the Clearwater River Watershed through Buffers and Other BMPs	The purpose of this project is to address turbidity and bacteria impairments in the Clearwater River watershed in cooperation with the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Red Lake Watershed District. Livestock exclusion, buffer strips and bank stabilization practices will be installed along the Clearwater River and its tributaries.	15.0	24.6	15.8	17.9	73.3

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11	CWF13-207	Brown's Creek Watershed District	Washington	\$ 72,500	\$72,500	\$ 27,000	Brown's Creek Restoration with Countryside Auto Repair and MNDNR Trails	The purpose of this project is to achieve significant thermal and sediment reductions in the biologically impaired Brown's Creek by installing one large scale rain garden with infiltration, one pretreatment chamber for sediment capture off of parking and drive lanes, and a two cell bio-filtration garden.	14.1	23.5	16.0	19.7	73.3
12	CWF13-165	Morrison Soil and Water Conservation District	Morrison	\$ 18,575	\$18,575	\$ 10,000	Fletcher Creek and Mississippi River Shoreline Restoration and Runoff Abatement.	The purpose of this project is to stabilize a severely eroded section of streambank at the outlet of Fletcher Creek, which enters the Mississippi River. This site is contributing large amounts of sediment and is one of the worst erosion sites identified along the Mississippi River in Morrison County.	14.1	25.3	16.1	17.3	72.8
13	CWF13-220	Clearwater River Watershed District	Stearns	\$ 277,900	\$277,900	\$ 276,300	Cedar Lake Watershed Protection and Improvement Project	The purpose of this project is to target nutrient reductions to the largest watershed sources of nutrient to Cedar and Swartout Lakes by installing iron sand filters to remove soluble phosphorus currently exported from degraded wetlands and lakes.	14.9	23.0	15.8	18.3	72.0
14	CWF13-163	City of Roseville	Ramsey	\$ 359,100	\$359,100	\$ 90,000	Evergreen Park Drainage and Water Quality Improvements	The purpose of this project is to retain water on the land before entering a storm sewer connected to several significant regional water bodies. The proposed improvements will consist of an underground storage chamber and a storm water re-use system to irrigate ball fields. Above ground bioretention basins will also be constructed to provide additional improvement to water quality and volume reduction.	15.7	22.2	16.3	17.5	71.6
15	CWF13-44	Pine SWCD	Pine	\$ 115,000	\$115,000	\$ 28,750	City of Sturgeon Lake Wellhead Protection Plan Implementation Project	The purpose of this project is to seal over 50% of the unused wells within the limits of the City of Sturgeon Lake. This project will seal between 75-100 unused wells, focusing on wells within the Drinking Water Supply Management Area.	14.5	24.2	15.0	17.5	71.2
16	CWF13-125	West Polk SWCD	Polk	\$ 208,610	\$208,610	\$ 52,153	Burnham Creek Watershed Restoration Project, Phase I	The purpose of this project is the restoration of a 2-mile portion of Burnham Creek to address turbidity. The project will install eight rock weirs, and include channel stabilization, creation of a natural diversion, creation of pool habitat/cover, and improved fish passage.	14.8	23.1	15.6	17.6	71.0
17	CWF13-264	Bois de Sioux Watershed District	Traverse	\$ 258,280	\$258,280	\$ 71,400	Mustinka River TMDL Advanced Turbidity Reduction Project	The purpose of this project is to reduce sediment and nutrients from entering the Mustinka River. Several high priority projects will be constructed including: three water and sediment control basins and four sediment basins. In addition, staff time and resources will be provided for project development, promotion, and technical assistance for an estimated 1,680 acres of buffers, 126 acres of wetland restorations.	15.2	22.3	15.0	17.8	70.3
18	CWF13-113	Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area (RCRCA)	Multi-County	\$ 560,000	\$560,000	\$ 494,000	Redwood-Cottonwood River Watersheds JPB Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Project	The purpose of this project is to work with individual landowners within the Redwood and Cottonwood watersheds through planning, technical assistance activities and 50% cost-share funds associated with the implementation of 10 water and sediment control basins, 9560' of grassed waterways, 2550' of stream bank protection, and 6 grade stabilization projects.	14.4	23.6	14.2	18.0	70.2
19	CWF13-290	City of Chanhassen	Hennepin	\$ 155,474	\$155,474	\$ 75,000	Ravine #2 Stabilization Project	The purpose of this project is to stabilize a ravine which is tributary to Bluff Creek and the Minnesota River.	13.9	23.3	14.8	17.8	69.7

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20	CWF13-261	Martin SWCD	Martin	\$ 314,750	\$314,750	\$ 83,500	New Ways to Think About Streams and Floodplains	The purpose of this project is to manage streambanks and floodplains using site specific techniques and the Rosgen Geomorphic Channel Design along Elm Creek in Martin County in order to improve water quality and reduce erosion.	14.8	22.7	14.3	17.8	69.6
21	CWF13-150	Goodhue SWCD	Goodhue	\$ 131,700	Flood Disaster \$	\$ 42,633	Cannon River Streambank Protection Project - Toewood	The purpose of this project is to install toewood protection along approximately 1,000 feet of eroding bank of the Cannon River in Welch, MN. In addition, two J-hooks will also be constructed.	14.6	23.3	14.4	17.3	69.5
22	CWF13-75	Ramsey Conservation District	Ramsey	\$ 57,420	\$57,420	\$ 15,000	Lambert Creek Stream Bank and Buffer Restoration Project	The purpose of this project is to restore a severely eroded portion of streambank along Lambert Creek. A buffer will also be restored as part of this project.	14.4	21.0	15.4	18.5	69.3
23	CWF13-87	Sherburne Soil and Water Conservation District	Sherburne	\$ 92,450	\$92,450	\$ 26,050	St. Cloud Stormwater Treatment Project	The purpose of this project is to target an older residential area that does not have permanent water quality treatment in St. Cloud. Rain gardens with pre-treatment devices will be strategically placed, as identified in the completed sub-watershed assessment, to maximize water quality benefits.	15.0	21.6	14.5	18.3	69.3
24	CWF13-112	North Fork Crow River Watershed District	Multi-County	\$ 149,543	\$149,543	\$ 37,386	NFCRWD Water Retention/Wetland Restoration Projects	The purpose of this project is to restore wetlands at 3 locations. The project also involves two additional project sites to mitigate County Ditch drainage above Rice Lake.	14.3	23.6	12.6	18.8	69.3
25	CWF13-43	Scott Watershed Management Organization	Scott	\$ 381,430	\$381,430	\$ 190,715	Blakeley Trail Ravines Stabilization, Scott County	The purpose of this project is to reduce sediment to the Minnesota River by implementing ravine stabilization techniques. Approximately eight check dams and 1 to 2 large Water and Sediment Control Basins were selected for implementation based on a Feasibility Study completed in early 2012.	13.7	23.2	14.7	17.7	69.2
26	CWF13-133	Pomme de Terre River Association	Multi-County	\$ 480,228	\$480,228	\$ 149,617	Pomme de Terre River Watershed 2013 BMP Implementation Initiative	The purpose of this project is to implement best management practices including rain gardens, streambank and lakeshore restorations, buffers and wetland restorations utilizing CRP and WRP signups as well as other Federal programs. A total of 935 acres of buffers and wetlands will be protected and restored, 54 water and sediment control basins, 20 rain gardens, 1 streambank and lakeshore restoration, and 1 terrace project will be implemented.	14.3	23.6	13.0	18.2	69.0
27	CWF13-238	Buffalo-Red River Watershed District	Multi-County	\$ 336,860	\$336,860	\$ 84,250	Upper South Branch BMP Strategic Implementation Plan - Part 2	The purpose of this project is to continue the strategic implementation of BMPs within the Upper South Branch of the Buffalo River watershed. In addition, this project will result in approximately 305 acres of new filter strips, 50 side inlet sediment control structures, and 8 sediment control basins being installed.	14.7	22.9	14.7	16.8	69.0
28	CWF13-223	Lower Minnesota River Watershed District	Multi-County	\$ 220,800	\$220,800	\$ 75,000	Bluff Ravine Stabilization at Seminary Fen	The purpose of this project is for the design and implementation of a gully stabilization to protect the Seminary Fen from degradation.	15.0	22.3	15.3	16.3	68.9
29	CWF13-139	Lincoln SWCD	Lincoln	\$ 197,473	\$197,473	\$ 166,875	Lake Shaokatan and Yellow Medicine Sub-Watersheds Implementation Project	The purpose of this project is to target best management practices in the watersheds of Lake Shaokatan, main stem and south branch of the Yellow Medicine River Watershed. Currently, 20 projects and willing landowners are identified and scheduled to be surveyed, designed and ready for construction starting in the spring of 2013.	13.0	22.2	14.6	17.8	67.6

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30	CWF13-153	City of Eden Prairie	Hennepin	\$ 53,025	\$53,025	\$ 25,000	Iron-enhanced Filtration Bench - Stormwater Pond 22-13-B	The purpose of this project is to retrofit a water quality pond in the City of Eden Prairie, that drains to Staring Lake, with iron enhanced sand filtration.	13.9	21.7	14.1	17.8	67.5
31	CWF13-269	Wright Soil and Water Conservation District	Wright	\$ 98,300	\$98,300	\$ 33,550	Crow River Gully Stabilization to Reduce Turbidity	The purpose of this project is to stabilize five of the most active gully erosion sites in the targeted DNR 11 digit HUC 07010204160 on the Crow River, as well as use the installed best management practices to help promote future conservation practices.	14.6	22.6	14.1	16.3	67.5
32	CWF13-161	Becker Soil & Water Conservation District	Becker	\$ 398,800	\$398,800	\$ 99,700	Buffalo-Red River Watershed Shallow Lakes Restoration Project	The purpose of this project is the installation of 50 water and sediment control basins and 20 acres of vegetative buffer strips adjacent to nine impaired lakes.	13.6	23.3	13.3	17.2	67.4
33	CWF13-160	Scott Watershed Management Organization	Scott	\$ 320,000	\$320,000	\$ 80,000	Cleary Lake Regional Park Water Quality Retrofits	The purpose of this project is to cost effectively incorporate stormwater improvements into the parking lot and access road at Cleary Lake Regional Park. There currently is no direct treatment of stormwater from the road and parking lot prior to discharge to Cleary Lake and installation of seven biofiltration facilities will bring the system up to current water quality standards.	14.3	21.0	14.4	17.6	67.3
34	CWF13-235	Mower Soil and Water Conservation District	Mower	\$ 42,500	\$42,500	\$ 35,500	Upper Iowa River Upland Restoration Project	The purpose of this project is to treat overland flow by constructing grass waterways in the upper reaches of the watershed and treat that water all the way down to the streambank. Directly adjacent to the streambank, an earthen structure will be built, to trap, treat and release the water back into the Upper Iowa at a responsible rate.	13.9	22.7	15.3	15.2	67.0
35	CWF13-102	Renville County	Renville	\$ 199,700	\$99,850	\$ 49,928	Hawk Creek Watershed Runoff and Sedimentation Reduction Project	The purpose of this project is to improve and protect water quality through implementation of small-scale Best Management Practices within the watershed to reduce runoff and decrease movement of sediment and nutrients. BMPs will be targeted in areas with waters that have been deemed impaired.	14.4	22.6	12.8	17.2	66.9
36	CWF13-233	Cormorant Lakes Watershed District	Becker	\$ 142,900	\$142,900	\$ 35,725	Cormorant Lakes Prioritized Erosion and Sediment Reduction Project	The purpose of this project is to proactively implement erosion and sediment control best management practices using results from a LIDAR-based terrain analysis completed in 2010 and 2011.	14.5	21.7	13.8	16.9	66.9
37	CWF13-107	Sauk River Watershed District	Stearns	\$ 538,575	\$538,575	\$ 145,000	SRWD Municipal Stormwater Management and Retrofit Project	The purpose of this project is to address stormwater runoff concerns within the communities of Sauk Centre, Cold Spring and St. Cloud by providing treatment through bioretention and infiltration. Located adjacent to the Sauk River, each city has stormwater outfalls that directly discharge to the river creating a negative impact on water quality.	14.1	22.3	13.1	17.3	66.8
38	CWF13-39	Red Lake County SWCD	Red Lake	\$ 40,400	\$40,400	\$ 10,150	Stormwater Runoff Improvement Project along the Clearwater River	The purpose of this project is to install a bioswale and raingarden to address stormwater runoff from a large parking lot adjacent to the Clearwater River.	13.4	21.8	15.3	15.6	66.1
39	CWF13-84	City of Apple Valley	Dakota	\$ 158,214	\$158,214	\$ 55,000	Phosphorus Reduction Enhancements to Public Water 19022500	The purpose of this project is the installation of an iron enhanced sand filter to the banks of an existing stormwater pond. In addition, a phased application of alum will be applied to the pond.	13.1	22.3	13.3	17.3	66.0

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40	CWF13-146	South Washington Watershed District	Washington	\$ 566,500	\$566,500	\$ 169,950	SWWD Water Re-Use and Lake Restoration	The purpose of this project is to install two large scale water re-use systems. The water re-use systems at Eagle Valley and Prestwick Golf Courses will capture urban runoff and excess nutrients that would otherwise flow into Colby and Bailey Lakes and use it for irrigation.	12.4	22.7	14.5	16.3	65.9
41	CWF13-154	City of Plymouth	Hennepin	\$ 363,750	\$363,750	\$ 100,000	The 400 Project	The purpose of this project is to reduce 80 acres of existing impervious surface within the City of Plymouth and increase infiltration through the implementation and use of porous pavement(s) and/or reinforced turf technology. The long term goal is to eliminate 400 acres of existing impervious surface within the next 15 years.	15.3	21.7	11.5	17.5	65.9
42	CWF13-224	Minnehaha Creek Watershed District	Hennepin	\$ 321,945	\$321,945	\$ 186,900	Implementing Community Stormwater Management Projects using Master Water Stewards	The purpose of this program is to install pollution prevention projects on both residential and commercial properties and educate citizens in their neighborhoods to reduce urban runoff and nutrient loads. These projects will be led by community leaders who have been identified, educated and certified as Stewards.	15.2	20.0	14.0	16.8	65.9
43	CWF13-181	Middle St. Croix WMO	Washington	\$ 75,670	\$75,670	\$ 25,000	Quixote Avenue Retrofit Project - Lakeland, MN	The purpose of this project is to implement previously identified and targeted water quality improvement projects on Quixote Avenue by building a number of stormwater treatment features including bioretention features and a stable armored outlet to convey treated runoff outletting from the stormwater treatment features, down the bluff to Lake St. Croix River.	14.7	20.8	13.4	16.9	65.8
44	CWF13-171	City of Chaska	Carver	\$ 49,098	\$49,098	\$ 97,250	Birdie Lane East Ravine Improvements	The purpose of this project is to eliminate ravine erosion and provide water quality treatment for an 8.2-acre watershed to reduce Total Phosphorus reaching Lake Hazeltine.	13.6	22.0	13.6	16.5	65.7
45	CWF13-209	Brown's Creek Watershed District	Washington	\$ 45,000	\$45,000	\$ 20,000	Brown's Creek Restoration - Retrofitting Neal Ave Neighborhood	The purpose of this project is to install 9-12 street side raingardens in a residential development in Stillwater that currently has no treatment and directly contributes stormwater to Brown's Creek, a DNR designated trout stream currently impaired for turbidity and lack of cold water assemblage. This project was identified as a high priority in the Brown's Creek TMDL Implementation Plan.	13.4	21.6	12.8	17.9	65.7
46	CWF13-246	Scott SWCD	Scott	\$ 155,883	\$155,883	\$ 39,500	Native Grasses and Filter Strips for Runoff and Pollution Reduction	The purpose of this project is to continue the successful Scott SWCD/WMO Native Grass Program and Filter Strip Program. Designed to reduce runoff and moderate stream flows. The Scott WMO has a long-term strategy to reduce runoff volumes and targeted pollutants in priority areas, with native grass crops and filter strips identified as key practices. Being targeted are 50 and 20 acres of native grasses and filter strips, respectively.	13.5	21.3	13.1	17.8	65.7
47	CWF13-205	Valley Branch Watershed District	Washington	\$ 453,300	\$453,300	\$ 115,000	Valley Creek Infiltration and Ravine Stabilization Projects	The purpose of this project is to minimize sediment erosion in the ravines adjacent to Valley Creek, protect trout stream habitat, and reduce sediment and phosphorus loads to Lake St. Croix. Overall, two ravines will be stabilized.	13.4	22.0	12.5	17.7	65.6

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48	CWF13-16	Chisago SWCD	Chisago	\$ 115,000	\$68,483	\$ 50,000	Pleasant Hill Park Stormwater Retrofit	The purpose of this project is to create biofiltration features within Pleasant Hill Park located in Lindstrom, MN. This area was identified as a high priority due to the high volume of untreated stormwater that discharges directly into South Lindstrom Lake.	13.8	20.6	14.4	16.7	65.4
49	CWF13-24	Sand Hill River Watershed District	Polk	\$ 326,000	\$ -	\$ 81,500	Carlson Channel Stabilization Project – Sand Hill River Watershed	The purpose of this project is to provide an ecologically sustainable natural outlet for 7,900 acres immediately upstream of the Carlson Coulee to the Sand Hill River. This sub-watershed project will reduce flow velocities and volumes entering the coulee with the installation of armored drop structures, side water inlets, sedimentation ponds along laterals, and geosynthetic reinforced grassed swales.	14.0	20.0	13.7	17.2	64.8
50	CWF13-247	Hubbard SWCD	Hubbard	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 25,000	The Hubbard County Long Lake Water Quality Improvement Project	The purpose of this project is to address sources of declining water clarity. Specific areas of concern will be identified and Best Management Practices such as shoreline stabilization and re-vegetation, storm water sediment basins, and rain gardens will be install within the Lakeshed of Long Lake.	14.3	20.7	13.1	16.8	64.8
51	CWF13-251	Scott SWCD	Scott	\$ 269,266	\$ -	\$ 67,500	Targeted BMP's for Sediment and Nutrient Reduction – Lower Minnesota River	The purpose of this project is to implement at least 40 structural BMPs to reduce sediment and phosphorus to the Minnesota River and local tributaries by treating ravine head cut, streambank, ephemeral channel and cropland gully erosion, as well as open inlet drainage systems. Targeted BMPs include grade control structures, grassed/lined waterways, water-and-sediment-control basins, shoreline stabilization and closed-tile inlets.	12.7	21.6	13.5	17.1	64.8
52	CWF13-57	Heron Lake Watershed District	Multi-County	\$ 35,410	\$ -	\$ 10,215	Heron Lake Pollution Reduction Projects	The purpose of this project is to construct one sediment basin in Jackson County and one shoreline restoration project in Murray County as a means to reduce the amount of sediment and phosphorus delivered to Heron Lake.	12.7	22.3	13.6	15.8	64.3
53	CWF13-89	Elk River Watershed Association JPB	Multi-County	\$ 118,000	\$ -	\$ 35,250	Elk River Priority Parcel Bacteria Reduction Practices	The purpose of this project is to implement up to 30 bacteria reduction best management practices, focusing efforts on targeted parcels in the riparian zone as identified in the approved Elk River TMDL Implementation Plan.	13.8	21.2	11.8	17.4	64.3
54	CWF13-137	Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation District	Stearns	\$ 189,365	\$ -	\$ 64,250	City of Paynesville Industrial Area Storm Water Treatment Improvements	The purpose of this project is to install a dual phase storm water treatment system consisting of a pretreatment detention basin followed by an infiltration/bioretention basin to treat runoff from the City's industrial area before entering the North Fork Crow River.	12.0	21.3	14.3	16.5	64.2
55	CWF13-130	Pope Soil and Water Conservation District	Pope	\$ 118,600	\$ -	\$ 29,650	Pelican Lake and Lake Reno-Little Chippewa River Watershed Restoration	The purpose of this project is to complete 10 water and sediment control basins in the watersheds of 3 impaired lakes.	12.5	20.7	14.5	16.4	64.1
56	CWF13-151	Anoka Conservation District	Anoka	\$ 158,586	\$ -	\$ 39,647	Golden Lake Iron Enhanced Sand Filter and Rain Garden Network	The purpose of this project is to treat stormwater directly discharging into the nutrient impaired Golden Lake. This project will retrofit an existing stormwater pond with an Iron Enhanced Sand Filter and install 10 curb-cut rain gardens in a neighborhood draining to the stormwater pond.	12.5	21.3	12.3	18.0	64.1

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57	CWF13-105	Carver SWCD	Carver	\$ 70,000	\$ -	\$ 17,500	Installation of priority BMP's in impaired watersheds	The purpose of this project is to install best management practices already identified as high priority. Survey and design of BMP's for these areas is currently underway. The high priority BMP's include several large grade stabilization structures, water & sediment control basins, grassed water ways, and streambank stabilization.	12.7	21.6	13.3	16.4	64.0
58	CWF13-162	Washington Conservation District	Washington	\$ 218,560	\$ -	\$ 100,000	Fixing the Top 50 Phosphorus Sources of Lake St. Croix (Top50PI)-Phase II	The purpose of this project is to continue to the implementation of highly ranked projects already identified by the Top 50 P assessment. Implementing these practices will work towards achieving phosphorus reduction to Lake St. Croix and the St. Croix River.	10.4	21.3	12.8	19.4	64.0
59	CWF13-293	Olmsted SWCD	Olmsted	\$ 57,393	\$ -	\$ 14,814	Improving Water Quality With Conservation Best Management Practices(Ag BMP's)	The purpose of this project will be to install grassed waterways, terrace systems and Water and Sediment Control Basins in the upper reaches of the watershed. These best management practices help to reduce peak flows and slow run-off from cropland while minimizing soil erosion and pollutant delivery.	13.6	22.6	13.8	14.0	64.0
60	CWF13-258	Rock County SWCD/Land Mgt	Rock	\$ 167,255	\$ -	\$ 256,841	Rock County Infra-structure Protection with Stream Bank Stabilization plus Technical Assistance	The purpose of this application is for steam bank restoration projects that have been prioritized by highest pollution reduction and protection of infrastructures such as roads, bridges, power lines and rural water lines. These projects also include installation of grass buffers along these reaches of the stream to further protect the project area and filter runoff.	13.1	21.0	13.8	16.1	63.9
61	CWF13-108	Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation District	Stearns	\$ 79,170	\$ -	\$ 26,254	Hester Park Neighborhood Stormwater Treatment Project	The purpose of this project is to retrofit the Hester Park neighborhood with stormwater treatment practices to help protect the Saint Cloud surface water intake and invest in long-term water quality benefits that reduce the amount of phosphorus, sediment and stormwater volume reaching the Mississippi River.	13.3	21.0	13.8	15.8	63.8
62	CWF13-149	Otter Tail County SWCDs	Otter Tail	\$ 292,040	\$ -	\$ 83,000	Otter Tail River Watershed BMP implementation Plan	The purpose of this project is to promote and implement various best management practices in a targeted area focused on a 2 mile radius of the Otter Tail River, impaired for turbidity immediately downstream from Otter Tail County, along with tributaries and a 1 mile radius around lakes connected to the river.	11.4	22.0	12.7	17.6	63.7
63	CWF13-249	Hubbard SWCD	Hubbard	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	The Hubbard County Palmer Lake Water Quality Improvement Project	The purpose of this project is to reverse a documented three-foot decline in water clarity on Palmer Lake. Specific areas of concern will be identified and cost share will be made available for the installation of best management practices such as shoreline stabilization and native vegetation restoration, storm water sediment basins and rain gardens, and low impact development design.	13.8	20.7	13.3	15.8	63.7
64	CWF13-106	Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation District	Stearns	\$ 58,230	\$ -	\$ 19,410	St. Cloud 10th Avenue North Targeted Neighborhood Stormwater Treatment Project	The purpose of this project is to incorporate stormwater treatment within a neighborhood that currently has no treatment for stormwater in conjunction with a street and utility reconstruction project.	12.8	19.8	15.0	15.8	63.4

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65	CWF13-242	Faribault SWCD	Faribault	\$ 26,000	\$ -	\$ 20,000	Faribault County BMP's for Sediment, Peak Flow & Pollutant Reduction	The purpose of this project is to install up to 9 structural and vegetative practices in partnership with EQIP for conservation projects that protect and improve soil and water quality. Identified practices approved for EQIP include two grade stabilization structures and two grassed waterways.	13.6	20.7	14.2	15.0	63.4
66	CWF13-212	Anoka Conservation District	Anoka	\$ 210,352	\$ -	\$ 52,588	Rum Riverbank Stabilization at Anoka County Parkland	The purpose of this project is to stabilize nearly one-quarter mile of the Rum River in the Cedar Creek Conservation Area and Rum River Central Regional Park. Additionally, this project protects and compliments a 65-acre native prairie restoration that is being planted in 2012 immediately adjacent to this riverbank.	13.7	20.0	13.7	15.8	63.2
67	CWF13-145	South Washington Watershed District	Washington	\$ 258,850	\$ -	\$ 66,000	Trout Brook and Lake St. Croix Restoration Phase II	The purpose of this project is to make improvements to the Afton Alps property that will benefit water quality to Trout Brook and Lake St. Croix. By using unique hybrid filter swales to intercept, filter, and cool runoff from ski slopes and by re-grading and replacing roadway surface material problematic sedimentation will be reduced.	11.8	21.6	13.8	15.9	63.0
68	CWF13-38	Red Lake County SWCD	Red Lake	\$ 26,100	\$ -	\$ 6,600	Accelerated Grade Stabilization Project in the Red Lake River Watershed	The purpose of this project is to reduce the amount of sediment that is entering the Black River by installing a grade stabilization structure to stabilize an existing gully.	13.2	20.6	13.6	15.6	62.9
69	CWF13-219	Mahnomen County SWCD	Mahnomen	\$ 186,490	\$ -	\$ 180,000	Lower Wild Rice River Turbidity Project- Marsh Creek Sub-Watershed	The purpose of this project is to continue to implement Phase 1 of the Lower Wild Rice River Turbidity TMDL Implementation Plan by installing erosion control practices such as water and sediment control basins and side inlet structures in the targeted Marsh Creek sub-watershed.	13.9	19.6	13.5	15.8	62.9
70	CWF13-83	Rice County Environmental Services	Rice	\$ 94,980	\$ -	\$ 23,750	Cannon River Wilderness Area Ravine Stabilization Project	The purpose of this project is to restore a 350 foot ravine that has suffered significant slumping and channel erosion/gulling. The ravine, which is located 500 feet from the turbidity impaired Cannon River, contributes to the poor water quality.	13.7	20.0	13.3	15.7	62.7
71	CWF13-240	CITY OF CRYSTAL	Hennepin	\$ 313,580	\$ -	\$ 78,395	Sunrise River Flowage Water Quality Restoration	The purpose of this project is the construction of the Bixby Park Water Quality Improvement Wetland, and acquisition of land rights within the Wyoming Wetland Enhancement, and/or a Shallow Pond Restoration project.	13.8	20.7	13.1	14.8	62.3
72	CWF13-31	Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District	Washington	\$ 969,262	\$ -	\$ 316,000	Phosphorous and Sediment Reduction - Twin Lakes TMDL	The purpose of this project is to construct 80 rain gardens and six storm water sump manholes to reduce the nutrient loading to the impaired Twin Lakes.	12.5	20.2	11.7	17.9	62.3
73	CWF13-51	Benton SWCD	Benton	\$ 152,736	\$ -	\$ 38,184	Protecting water clarity in the Mississippi River via urban BMPs	The purpose of this project is to reduce sediment and algae loading to the Mississippi River through the installation of urban and residential best management practices.	12.8	20.3	11.9	16.8	61.8
74	CWF13-92	Norman County SWCD	Norman	\$ 93,000	\$ -	\$ 52,500	Wild Rice River Greenway Project	The purpose of this project is to identify and install 15 acres of riparian forest buffers in a long term effort to create a continuous greenway along the mainstem of the Wild Rice River.	13.3	20.1	11.8	16.4	61.7

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75	CWF13-135	Fillmore SWCD	Fillmore	\$ 134,520	\$ -	\$ 33,863	Restoring Capacity of Conservation Ponds to Reduce Sediment Delivery	The purpose of this project is to clean out the sediment in existing sediment basin that are beyond their 20 year life span to restore their capacity for holding water and allowing particles to settle out. 30 cleanout projects will be targeted in trout stream watersheds over the next three years.	11.1	21.9	12.3	16.3	61.7
76	CWF13-292	Martin SWCD	Martin	\$ 125,950	\$ -	\$ 31,525	East Fork Des Moines River: Streambank Restorations and Floodplain Stabilizations	The purpose of this project is to install critical area stabilizations along the East Fork of the Des Moines River and use the Rosgen Geomorphic Channel Design method to manage streambanks and floodplains.	13.3	20.6	13.1	14.7	61.7
77	CWF13-46	Pope Soil and Water Conservation District	Pope	\$ 145,230	\$ -	\$ 36,310	Native Lakeshore Restoration	The purpose of this project is to continue outreach, technical assistance, and/or cost share to landowners who want to restore their degraded shoreline to a native vegetated shoreline. Landowners will be required to plant at least 25 feet of native buffer on 75% or more of their lakeshore.	13.7	18.8	13.9	14.8	61.2
78	CWF13-218	Anoka Conservation District	Anoka	\$ 517,780	\$ -	\$ 267,000	Oak Glen Creek Stormwater Pond Expansion and IESF Retrofit	The purpose of this project is to expand and modify an existing stormwater pond with an iron-enhanced sand filter in an area that currently has very little stormwater infrastructure.	13.1	20.4	13.8	13.7	61.0
79	CWF13-110	Root River SWCD	Houston	\$ 250,000	\$ -	\$ 64,000	Houston County Bacteria and Sediment Reduction Project	The purpose of this project is to implement 12 sediment reduction conservation practices and 3 waste management systems within known "hotspots" of the Root River Watershed.	12.6	20.6	12.3	15.4	60.9
80	CWF13-86	Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation District	Stearns	\$ 196,586	\$ -	\$ 51,658	St. Cloud State University Q. Parking Lot Pollution Reduction Project	The purpose of this project is to reduce the amount of untreated stormwater runoff entering the Mississippi River by capturing and treating the first 1" of rainfall in a series of bioretention infiltration basins from the 8-acre St. Cloud State University Q-Lot Parking lot.	12.3	19.5	14.6	14.3	60.7
81	CWF13-45	Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District	Ramsey	\$ 198,705	\$ -	\$ 49,676	Casey Lake Neighborhood Stormwater Retrofit Project	The purpose of this project is to improve water quality in Casey Lake and ultimately Kohlman Lake through the installation of approximately 25 rain gardens on priority properties. Priority properties were identified as part of the Casey Lake Urban Stormwater Retrofit Assessment completed by Ramsey Conservation District in 2011.	12.5	18.3	12.8	16.9	60.6
82	CWF13-284	Rice County Environmental Services	Rice	\$ 32,000	\$ -	\$ 8,000	Rice County Environmental Service SSTS Enhancement and Education Program	The purpose of this project is to enhance the Rice County SSTS program by providing additional activities to aid in upgrading systems that have been deemed an Imminent Threat to Public Health & Safety.	11.8	19.8	12.7	16.3	60.6
83	CWF13-134	Carnelian Marine St. Croix Watershed District	Washington	\$ 80,963	\$ -	\$ 21,115	St. Croix National Scenic Riverway Ravine Repair & Stormwater BMPs	The purpose of this project is to repair three eroding gullies which are contributing nutrient and sediment directly to the St. Croix River.	9.8	20.7	12.7	17.1	60.3
84	CWF13-91	Shell Rock River Watershed District	Freeborn	\$ 159,200	\$ -	\$ 39,800	Broadway Avenue Storm Water Treatment - Historic Downtown Albert Lea	The purpose of this project is to design and install rain gardens and sediment chambers during street reconstruction in historic downtown Albert Lea.	12.9	17.8	13.5	15.9	60.2
85	CWF13-222	Douglas Soil and Water Conservation District	Douglas	\$ 11,910	\$ -	\$ 3,970	Indian Lake Gully	The purpose of this project is to repair an approximately 25 feet wide and 15 feet deep gully in the Indian Lake watershed.	12.4	19.3	14.9	13.5	60.2

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86	CWF13-185	Morrison Soil and Water Conservation District	Morrison	\$ 18,575	\$ -	\$ 10,000	Severe Gully Erosion Abatement	The purpose of this project will continue the successful efforts of erosion and sediment reduction in the Rum River watershed to improve a sever gully that is eroding. 5 water and sediment control basins and one terrace will be installed to alleviate the sediment runoff to receiving waters of the Rum River.	11.5	20.8	12.9	14.9	60.1
87	CWF13-138	Aitkin County Soil & Water Conservation District	Aitkin	\$ 80,155	\$ -	\$ 43,430	Protecting Mille Lacs Lake and Its Watershed	The purpose of this project is to protect Mille Lacs Lake by stabilize eroding shorelines, restoring native vegetation buffers, and managing stormwater runoff.	10.6	20.0	12.7	16.8	60.1
88	CWF13-65	Winona County SWCD	Winona	\$ 232,250	\$ -	\$ 163,758	Winona County Gulley Grade Stabilization and Structure Rehabilitation/Cleanout Project	The purpose of this project is to repair and cleanout small ponds serving as grade stabilization structures in Winona County that have either filled with sediment over the last 20-50 years or the pipe outlets have rusted away. The repair and cleanout of these older structures will restore the sediment storage ability and help in the reduction of turbidity in the streams of Winona County.	12.2	20.3	11.5	15.9	59.8
89	CWF13-156	Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation District	Stearns	\$ 218,623	\$ -	\$ 58,046	Stump and Sagatagan Lakes Sub-Watershed Stormwater Infiltration Projects	The purpose of this project is to retrofit sub-catchment drainage areas on St. John's University campus that drain untreated runoff directly into the Stump and Sagatagan Lakes. In all, 8 separate stormwater infiltration areas would be constructed to treat the areas of runoff from impervious parking lots, sidewalks and buildings.	10.1	20.0	13.6	15.8	59.4
90	CWF13-270	Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission	Hennepin	\$ 350,000	\$ -	\$ 119,000	Schaper Pond Improvement Project	The purpose of this project is to increasing the phosphorus removal performance of Schaper Pond as recommended in Sweeney Lake TMDL implementation plan.	11.5	20.4	11.4	16.1	59.4
91	CWF13-77	Le Sueur SWCD	Le Sueur	\$ 130,750	\$ -	\$ 36,500	Le Sueur SWCD Shovel Ready Water and Sediment Control Basin's BMP's	The purpose of this project is to install 28 water and sediment control basins to reduce farmland soil loss and provide short term upland storage during rain events.	12.8	18.9	13.9	13.5	59.1
92	CWF13-14	Yellow Medicine Soil & Water Conservation District	Yellow Medicine	\$ 95,406	\$ -	\$ 29,262	Erosion Control Project Florida Creek - LQP River Watershed	The purpose of this project is the installation of water and sediment control basins within the priority area of Florida Creek in the Lac qui Parle Watershed.	12.7	19.7	12.4	13.8	58.5
93	CWF13-37	Red Lake County SWCD	Red Lake	\$ 48,800	\$ -	\$ 12,500	Accelerated Streambank & Shoreland Project in the Clearwater River Watershed	The purpose of this project is to stabilize a 300 feet erosion sight with banks ranging from 10-12 feet in height that is directly contributing sediment to the Clearwater River.	12.0	17.3	13.4	15.8	58.5
94	CWF13-136	Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation District	Stearns	\$ 216,594	\$ -	\$ 72,348	Scenic Drive and Pine Cone Road Stormwater Pollution Reduction Project	The purpose of this project is to correct the flooding and streambank erosion issues by installing 10 raingardens into two neighborhoods located in Sartell, MN to capture and treat stormwater.	10.4	21.6	9.9	16.6	58.5
95	CWF13-100	Lac qui Parle Soil & Water Conservation District	Lac qui Parle	\$ 266,490	\$ -	\$ 85,875	Erosion Control for Lac qui Parle River West Branch	The purpose of this project is to repair 2 severe erosion sights in sub-minor watersheds of the Lac qui Parle River through the installation of a complex of multiple water and sediment control basins or terraces.	12.0	18.7	13.2	14.6	58.4
96	CWF13-147	South St. Louis Soil & Water Conservation District	St. Louis	\$ 454,000	\$ -	\$ 800,000	Knowlton Creek Sediment/Erosion Reduction and Trout Stream Restoration Project	The purpose of this project is the prevention of sediment to Knowlton Creek and the St. Louis River Estuary by constructing a series of check dams, swales, and conveyance systems to collect excess runoff for transport to a treatment pond.	12.6	20.2	11.8	13.7	58.3

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97	CWF13-268	Redwood SWCD	Redwood	\$ 161,041	\$ -	\$ 44,715	Targeted Water Quality Conservation Implementation and Outreach	The purpose of this project is to concentrate conservation efforts that will reduce runoff and erosion in small sub-watersheds that feed into the Cottonwood River in efforts to intensify the water quality, water recreation, and wildlife habitat benefits.	12.6	19.3	10.2	15.9	58.0
98	CWF13-167	Becker Soil & Water Conservation District	Becker	\$ 117,442	\$ -	\$ 29,360	Cormorant Lakes Area Water Quality Project	The purpose of this projects is the installation of best management practices in 5 lake watersheds which will include water and sediment control basins on agricultural land, rain gardens to control runoff from impervious surfaces near the lakeshore, and vegetative restoration of the immediate lakeshore.	10.7	20.3	11.9	14.9	57.8
99	CWF13-239	Wadena Soil and Water Conservation District	Wadena	\$ 77,550	\$ -	\$ 26,250	Crow Wing River Implementation and Protection Project	The purpose of this project is to promote and implement BMP practices including shoreline restoration and stream bank stabilization, buffers, forestry practices, and rain gardens within a targeted area that is focused on a 1 mile radius of the Crow River and selected tributaries and a 1 mile radius around Blueberry, Stocking and Upper and Lower Twin Lakes.	13.0	19.7	11.3	13.8	57.8
100	CWF13-282	Blue Earth County SWCD	Blue Earth	\$ 167,928	\$ -	\$ 41,982	Madison Lake Urban Storm Water Treatment	The purpose of this project is to retrofit the existing storm water conveyance system within the City of Madison Lake by constructing two low-flow control structures that will provide treatment to approximately 139 acres of urban runoff prior to discharge to Madison Lake.	11.9	18.3	13.1	14.2	57.5
101	CWF13-216	Shingle Creek Watershed Management Commission	Hennepin	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ 175,000	Connections at Shingle Creek	The purpose of this project is the ecological restoration of 1,400 feet of Shingle Creek, an Impaired Water for low dissolved oxygen and impaired biota, in Brooklyn Center and Brooklyn Park.	11.4	17.8	12.1	15.9	57.2
102	CWF13-85	Snake River Watershed Management Board	Kanabec	\$ 91,095	\$ -	\$ 22,840	Snake River Watershed Nutrient and Sediment Reduction Project	The purpose of this project is to implement 9 best management practices in priority areas within the Snake River Watershed that address the Total Maximum Daily Load impairments and will reduce nutrient and sediment loadings, and improve biotic conditions for fish and macroinvertebrates.	12.3	19.0	11.3	14.6	57.2
103	CWF13-99	Renville SWCD	Renville	\$ 80,760	\$ -	\$ 20,250	Renville County Sediment Reduction Project	The purpose of this project is to install bank stabilization structures on Lake Allie to improve the water quality and improve fishing opportunities in this lake, as well as Buffalo Creek which the lake outlets into.	11.4	18.7	12.7	14.3	57.1
104	CWF13-71	Aitkin County Soil & Water Conservation District	Aitkin	\$ 143,150	\$ -	\$ 41,970	Repairing Flood Damage in the Upper Mississippi River Watershed	The purpose of this project is to repair flood damage in the Big Sandy Lake Watershed and Mississippi River Watershed of Aitkin County. Best management practices include stabilizing eroding shorelines, restoring native vegetation buffers, and installing rain gardens to manage and control stormwater runoff.	11.6	18.0	12.3	14.8	56.7
105	CWF13-278	Beltrami Soil & Water Conservation District	Beltrami	\$ 324,600	\$ -	\$ 86,500	Lake Bemidji Lakeshed Protection Project	The purpose of this project is to raise awareness of the sensitivity of Lake Bemidji as a precious resource that needs to be protected. There are three main components to this project including public education and awareness, stormwater management, and shoreline stabilization.	12.6	19.0	11.6	13.1	56.3

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106	CWF13-173	Pennington SWCD	Pennington	\$ 34,346	\$ -	\$ 8,594	City of Thief River Falls Greenwood Street Bridge Streambank Stabilization	The purpose of this project is to stabilize 150 feet of the Red Lake River streambank to protect infrastructure plus improve water quality in an impaired water system.	11.9	19.2	11.3	13.8	56.2
107	CWF13-213	Le Sueur County	Le Sueur	\$ 129,140	\$ -	\$ 57,691	Installing Shoreland BMPs on Nine Le Sueur County Lakes	The purpose of this project is to install 30 shoreland improvement projects on 9 area lakes.	11.9	18.0	11.8	14.5	56.2
108	CWF13-76	Ramsey Conservation District	Ramsey	\$ 85,010	\$ -	\$ 125,000	East Vadnais Lake Stormwater Quality Improvement Project	The purpose of this project is to treat stormwater runoff from a 7.4 acre section of urban land that drains directly into East Vadnais Lake, a drinking water supply for numerous cities in Ramsey County.	11.3	17.6	11.8	15.4	56.1
109	CWF13-166	Becker Soil & Water Conservation District	Becker	\$ 71,600	\$ -	\$ 17,900	Exceptional Water Resources Protection Project	The purpose of this project is to implement priority water quality improvements on 5 Becker County lakes that have been identified as having exceptional water quality. The management focus on all five lakes will be shoreline restoration, installation of rain gardens, and managing impervious surface runoff by using pervious materials.	10.7	19.3	10.7	15.1	55.7
110	CWF13-169	Middle St. Croix WMO	Washington	\$ 32,425	\$ -	\$ 8,500	Lily Lake Stormwater Retrofit Project - Phase III	The purpose of this project is to implement priority stormwater treatment projects that were identified in the recently completed Lily Lake Stormwater Retrofit Assessment. This project will be the third phase of stormwater treatment implementation projects within the Lily Lake watershed.	8.8	19.3	11.3	16.2	55.7
111	CWF13-221	Shingle Creek Watershed Management Commission	Hennepin	\$ 80,000	\$ -	\$ 80,000	Shingle Creek Public Art Reaeration Structures	The purpose of this project is the design, fabrication and installation of mechanical or passive stream reaeration structures for Shingle Creek that are artistic in design and appearance and practical in function. These structures will be installed in three locations in public parks.	11.3	16.6	13.3	14.4	55.7
112	CWF13-123	Upper Minnesota River Watershed District	Multi-County	\$ 87,720	\$ -	\$ 23,000	Central Park Storm Water Erosion Control Project	The purpose of this project is to begin the second phase of a three-phase project to reduce the sediment and nutrient loading from the Central Park storm water system to Big Stone Lake.	10.9	17.3	13.5	13.8	55.6
113	CWF13-184	Morrison Soil and Water Conservation District	Morrison	\$ 35,825	\$ -	\$ 10,000	Chippewa County: Dry Weather Creek and County Road 35 Project	The purpose of this project is to armor the bank of Dry Weather Creek with bio-engineering techniques such as tow mats, root wads and/or stream barbs to help move the channel back away from Chippewa County Road 35 in efforts to keep the stream from sloughing the road and, at the same time, reduce the amount of TSS, Turbidity and Phosphorus loading into the stream and subsequently the Chippewa River.	10.9	18.0	13.0	13.3	55.2
114	CWF13-35	Chippewa SWCD	Chippewa	\$ 67,560	\$ -	\$ 16,890	Chippewa County: Dry Weather Creek and County Road 35 Project	The purpose of this project to stabilize a section of Dry Weather Creek by armoring the bank with bio-engineering techniques such as tow mats, root wads and/or stream barbs to help move the channel back away from a county road that is in jeopardy due to the excessive erosion.	12.0	17.0	12.8	13.3	55.2
115	CWF13-131	Kittson Soil and Water Conservation District	Kittson	\$ 75,000	\$ -	\$ 18,750	Red River of the North Watershed Runoff Reduction Project – Phase II	The purpose of this project is to reduce runoff by targeting, prioritizing and installing vegetative practices along with potentially installing Side Water Inlets within the Red River of the North and upland subwatersheds.	11.3	19.0	11.3	13.5	55.1

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116	CWF13-300	Chippewa County	Chippewa	\$ 311,700	\$ -	\$ 78,400	Chippewa River and Major Tributary Near Channel Erosion Control	The purpose of this project is to use bioengineering techniques to address near-channel and in-channel erosion issues along the Chippewa River and its major tributaries, East Branch Chippewa River, Little Chippewa River, and Dryweather Creek. These streams are listed as impaired turbidity.	11.8	19.3	10.4	13.3	54.7
117	CWF13-188	Washington Conservation District	Washington	\$ 281,830	\$ -	\$ 72,000	Carnelian Marine St Croix Multi-Lakes TMDL Implementation – 100 Pound Phosphorus Load Reduction by 2015	The purpose of this project is to implement watershed load reduction practices to restore three water bodies in the Carnelian Marine St.Croix Watershed District in northeast Washington County.	8.6	18.8	8.6	18.6	54.6
118	CWF13-288	Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission	Hennepin	\$ 304,000	\$ -	\$ 130,000	Four Seasons Mall Area Water Quality Improvement Project	The purpose of this project is to install a new pond with iron enhanced sand filtration that would treat 140 acres of watershed that currently receive no treatment and complete streambank stabilization of approximately 2,375 feet of a tributary to North Branch Bassett Creek.	11.5	18.6	10.8	13.0	53.8
119	CWF13-248	Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, City of Minnetrista	Hennepin	\$ 670,245	\$ -	\$ 223,415	Lake Minnetonka/Halstead Bay Ravine Restoration	The purpose of this project is to restore a 3,200 foot long eroded ravine back into a vegetated woodland swale dominated by native plants and eliminate erosion and reduce the amount of phosphorus and other pollutants entering Halstead Bay on Lake Minnetonka.	11.3	17.0	11.8	12.6	52.8
120	CWF13-72	Vermillion River Watershed Joint Powers Organization	Scott	\$ 76,250	\$ -	\$ 20,000	Sediment Load Reduction Projects in the Etter Creek Subwatershed	The purpose of this project is to work with landowners, provide technical assistance, and construct best management practices within the Etter Creek subwatershed to reduce the sediment load to the turbidity impaired lower Vermillion and South Metro Mississippi Rivers and Lake Pepin.	8.8	18.7	10.3	14.9	52.7
121	CWF13-17	Chisago SWCD	Chisago	\$ 100,800	\$ -	\$ 50,000	St. Croix River Watershed Agricultural Best Management Practices	The purpose of this project is to install up to 10 agricultural BMPs within the Small Streams, Dry Creek, and Lawrence Creek subwatersheds identified in the Lake St. Croix TMDL study.	11.3	17.5	10.8	13.0	52.6
122	CWF13-115	Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation District	Stearns	\$ 96,418	\$ -	\$ 32,147	Paynesville Stormwater Outfall Erosion Control Project	The purpose of this project is to modify four stormwater outfalls that are perched and continually eroding the stream bank of the North Fork of the Crow River.	9.3	16.9	12.8	13.3	52.3
123	CWF13-272	City of Champlin	Hennepin	\$ 512,840	\$ -	\$ 130,000	Phase 2 Elm Creek Stream Bank Stabilization Project	The purpose of this project is to stabilize 2,000 feet of stream bank and install aeration structures on Elm Creek. Elm Creek is an impaired water for low dissolved oxygen.	11.5	15.8	11.4	13.3	52.1
124	CWF13-5	Upper Minnesota River Watershed District	Multi-County	\$ 62,181	\$ -	\$ 15,545	Minnesota River Headwaters and Whetstone River Restoration Project	The purpose of this project is to restore the historic Whetstone River channel between Big Stone Lake and Minnesota River. The restoration will improve ecological integrity and water quality on Big Stone Lake, the headwaters of the Minnesota River.	11.4	17.0	10.5	13.1	52.0
125	CWF13-56	Southeast Minnesota Water Resources Board	Multi-County	\$ 32,352	\$ -	\$ 8,500	Facilitating Proper Disposal of Pharmaceutical Waste in Southeast Minnesota	The purpose of this project is to educate local citizens about the importance of properly disposing of pharmaceutical wastes and inform citizens of the location of drop box facilities in the county.	12.2	15.4	12.6	11.8	52.0

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126	CWF13-289	Crow River Organization of Water	Multi-County	\$ 58,600	\$ -	\$ 14,650	Reducing Erosion with Weir Structure on Big Swan Lake	The purpose of this project is to reduce bank failure on Big Swan Lake, while improving water quality and aquatic habitat using a weir structure. This project will stabilize and mitigate several severely slumping banks by placing a weir upstream of the lake outlet to restrict outflow during normal to low water conditions and ultimately reducing the lake bounce that ranges from two to ten feet.	10.8	17.5	10.5	12.8	51.5
127	CWF13-250	City of Hopkins	Hennepin	\$ 389,700	\$ -	\$ 18,595,000	Cottageville Park Water Quality Protection and Habitat Enhancement Project	The purpose of this project is to implement a wide variety of stormwater BMP's including raingardens, wildflower plantings, biofiltration and infiltration areas, stormwater re-use systems, channel buffers and bank stabilization practices.	10.5	15.7	12.2	12.5	50.8
128	CWF13-23	East Polk Soil and Water Conservation District	Polk	\$ 121,075	\$ -	\$ 30,269	Agassiz Environmental Learning Center Streambank Stabilization Project- Fertile, MN	The purpose of this project is to stabilize an approximate 1,000 feet segment of the Sand Hill River located in the Agassiz Environmental Learning Center.	10.6	14.5	12.4	12.8	50.3
129	CWF13-178	Murray Soil & Water Conservation District	Murray	\$ 30,700	\$ -	\$ 7,675	Ed Lotterman's Sediment and Nutrient Reduction Project	The purpose of this project is to construct a water and sediment control basin within the Rock River watershed.	8.0	17.2	11.7	13.2	50.1
130	CWF13-95	Shell Rock River Watershed District	Freeborn		\$ -	\$ 41,500	Fountain Lake Urban Stormwater Treatment	The purpose of this project is to design and install four rain gardens to treat urban stormwater runoff prior to discharge into Fountain Lake in Albert Lea MN.	10.4	15.5	11.4	12.1	49.4
131	CWF13-273	Wright Soil and Water Conservation District	Wright	\$ 140,775	\$ -	\$ 46,925	Ann Lake Carp Barriers	The purpose of this project is to improve water quality in Ann Lake by controlling carp with strategically placed barriers and increased commercial harvests.	9.9	15.3	11.0	13.1	49.3
132	CWF13-33	Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District	Washington	\$ 311,300	\$ -	\$ 89,750	Hilo Lane - Urban Stormwater Management Retrofit Project	The purpose of this project is to implement a stormwater retrofit and shoreline stabilization project in the Hilo Lane development on the south shore of Forest Lake.	10.1	14.4	10.3	14.3	49.1
133	CWF13-280	Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission	Hennepin	\$ 143,000	\$ -	\$ 50,000	Lakeview Park Pond Construction Project	The purpose of this project is to construct a 0.7-acre stormwater pond in Lakeview Park. The Lakeview Park Pond would provide removal of suspended solids and phosphorus from stormwater before it reaches Medicine Lake.	9.2	14.6	11.5	12.8	48.0
134	CWF13-208	Washington Conservation District	Washington	\$ 62,500	\$ -	\$ 15,625	White Bear Lake Shoreline Protection Project	The purpose of this project is to implement an extensive shoreline protection project along the entire shoreline of White Bear Yacht Club (WBYC) on White Bear Lake in Dellwood, Minnesota.	8.5	14.6	12.5	12.0	47.6
135	CWF13-276	Wright Soil and Water Conservation District	Wright	\$ 873,200	\$ -	\$ 291,067	Wetland Restoration- City of Annandale	The purpose of this project is a wetland restoration project in the City of Annandale. The project includes restoring existing agricultural sod fields to shallow wetlands that will assist in eliminating pollutants to Clearwater Lake generated by the significant untreated drainage area from development prior to stormwater regulations.	10.3	15.2	9.7	11.8	46.8
136	CWF13-80	Pine Soil & Water Conservation District	Pine	\$ 230,000	\$ -	\$ 105,500	Multi-County Shoreland Restoration Projects in the St. Croix River Watershed	The purpose of this project is to construct 25 native shoreline buffers within the Kettle and St. Croix River Watersheds.	9.8	13.3	9.8	12.5	45.4
137	CWF13-226	City of Eden Prairie	Hennepin	\$ 108,800	\$ -	\$ 50,000	Riley Creek Bank Stabilization - Reach H	The purpose of this project is to stabilize high priority erosion sites located within Riley Creek.	9.8	13.6	9.8	10.5	43.7

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138	CWF13-30	Buffalo Creek Watershed District	Multi-County	\$ 735,609	\$ -	\$ 183,902	Marsh Water Project - Water Quality BMPs	The purpose of this project is to construct two water quality Best Management Practices (BMPs). One is a rain garden which will receive and treat stormwater from a large industrial complex. The other is a stormwater wetland, placed in-line with the existing ditch to treat stormwater from agricultural, industrial, and residential land uses.	9.6	12.4	9.5	11.4	42.9
139	CWF13-93	Norman County SWCD	Norman	\$ 45,700	\$ -	\$ -	County Road 1 Erosion Control Project	The purpose of this project is to excavate and reshape a very eroded ditch on County Road 1. This project will reduce sedimentation and also minimize levels of nitrogen and phosphorus.	9.6	12.8	10.3	9.0	41.7
140	CWF13-294	Itasca SWCD	Itasca	\$ 195,561	\$ -	\$ 58,055	Rainwater retention gardens for stormwater treatment in Grand Rapids	The purpose of this project is to implement raingardens.	8.6	11.5	9.3	11.6	41.0
141	CWF13-25	Sand Hill River Watershed District	Polk	\$ 162,630	\$ -	\$ 40,658	Fertile Airport Tight Tile Erosion Control	The purpose of this project is to stabilize approximately 13,000 lineal ft. of drainage channel which serves the Fertile Airport while discharging into Kittleson Creek.	8.2	12.4	9.8	10.1	40.5
142	CWF13-94	Norman County SWCD	Norman	\$ 60,700	\$ -	\$ 15,200	County Road 181 Diversion Project	The purpose of this project is to divert water from an open channel in a county ditch prone to erosion because of it's location in the beach ridge of Lake Agassiz. Sedimentation will be eliminated by diverting water through an underground pipe to a stable outlet on Coon Creek, which is a tributary of the Wild Rice River, which flows into the Red River of the North.	7.3	9.5	8.6	12.1	37.4
143	CWF13-49	Carver County	Carver	\$ 69,000	\$ -	\$ 17,500	Benton Lake Fish Biotic Restoration	The purpose of this project is to reduce the number of common carp in Benton Lake by installing a fish barrier at the outlet of Benton Lake and applying rotenone.	8.3	11.0	6.9	8.7	34.8

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1	CWF13-51	Benton Soil and Water Conservation District	CWF13-51 - #1	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 308,563	45	20	35	100
2	CWF13-244	Kanabec Soil and Water Conservation District	CWF13-244 - #1	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 7,500	40	20	35	95
3	CWF13-118	Todd Soil and Water Conservation District	CWF13-118 -#1	\$ 97,360	\$ 97,360	\$ 24,340	40	20	35	95
4	CWF13-135	Fillmore Soil and Water Conservation District	CWF13-135 - #1	\$ 175,043	\$ 175,043	\$ 154,801	35	20	35	90
5	CWF13-259	Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District	CWF13-259 - #1	\$ 76,935	\$ 76,935	\$ 22,300	35	20	35	90
6	CWF13-259	Nobles Soil and Water Conservation District	CWF13-259 - #2	\$ 99,998	\$ 99,998	\$ 31,588	35	20	35	90
7	CWF13-99	Renville Soil and Water Conservation District	CWF13-99 - #1	\$ 21,200	\$ 21,200	\$ 8,000	35	20	35	90
8	CWF13-258	Rock County Soil and Water Conservation District	CWF13-258 - #1	\$ 36,149	\$ 36,149	\$ 10,435	35	20	35	90
9	CWF13-59	Dodge County Environmental Services	CWF13-59 - #1	\$ 8,935	\$ 8,935	\$ 2,234	30	20	35	85
10	CWF13-192	Morrison Soil and Water Conservation District	CWF13-192 - #1	\$ 135,575	\$ 135,575	\$ 35,000	30	20	35	85
11	CWF13-118	Todd Soil and Water Conservation District	CWF13-118 - #2	\$ 97,360	\$ 97,360	\$ 24,340	30	20	35	85
12	CWF13-265	Wabasha Soil and Water Conservation District	CWF13-265 - #1	\$ 125,943	\$ 125,943	\$ 34,626	30	20	35	85
13	CWF13-51	Benton Soil and Water Conservation District	CWF13-51 - #2	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 239,683	25	20	35	80
14	CWF13-120	Todd Soil and Water Conservation District	CWF13-120 - #1	\$ 46,260	\$ 46,260	\$ 20,000	25	20	35	80
15	CWF13-265	Wabasha Soil and Water Conservation District	CWF13-265 - #2	\$ 261,741	\$ 261,741	\$ 81,227	25	20	35	80
16	CWF13-52	Mower Soil and Water Conservation District	CWF13-52 -#1	\$ 107,450	\$ 107,450	\$ 33,750	20	20	35	75
17	CWF13-225	Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation District	CWF13-225 - #1	\$ 148,250	\$ 148,250	\$ 46,700	20	20	35	75
18	CWF13-222	Douglas Soil and Water Conservation District	CWF13-222 - #1	\$ 52,650	\$ -	\$ 17,550	15	20	35	70
19	CWF13-110	Root River Soil and Water Conservation District	CWF13-110 - #1	\$ 271,374	\$ -	\$ 67,844	15	20	35	70
20	CWF13-225	Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation District	CWF13-225 - #2	\$ 20,500	\$ -	\$ 64,000	15	20	35	70

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21	CWF13-225	Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation District	CWF13-225 - #3	\$ 103,250	\$ -	\$ 31,700	15	20	35	70
22	CWF13-225	Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation District	CWF13-225 - #4	\$ 20,500	\$ -	\$ 21,000	15	20	35	70
23	CWF13-118	Todd Soil and Water Conservation District	CWF13-118 - #3	\$ 8,680	\$ -	\$ 2,170	15	20	35	70
24	CWF13-59	Dodge County Environmental Services	CWF13-59 - #2	\$ 165,940	\$ -	\$ 41,485	10	20	35	65
25	CWF13-135	Fillmore Soil and Water Conservation District	CWF13-135 - #2	\$ 170,083	\$ -	\$ 367,211	45	20	0	65
26	CWF13-118	Todd Soil and Water Conservation District	CWF13-118 - #4	\$ 8,680	\$ -	\$ 2,170	5	20	35	60
27	CWF13-118	Todd Soil and Water Conservation District	CWF13-118 - #5	\$ 99,660	\$ -	\$ 29,790	40	20	0	60
28	CWF13-118	Todd Soil and Water Conservation District	CWF13-118 - #6	\$ 92,360	\$ -	\$ 23,090	40	20	0	60
29	CWF13-118	Todd Soil and Water Conservation District	CWF13-118 - #7	\$ 99,360	\$ -	\$ 31,840	35	20	0	55
30	CWF13-225	Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation District	CWF13-225 - #5	\$ 87,750	\$ -	\$ 58,000	35	20	0	55
31	CWF13-51	Benton Soil and Water Conservation District	CWF13-51 - #3	\$ 80,235	\$ -	\$ 26,742	30	20	0	50
32	CWF13-51	Benton Soil and Water Conservation District	CWF13-51 - #4	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 36,462	30	20	0	50
33	CWF13-51	Benton Soil and Water Conservation District	CWF13-51 - #5	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 146,216	30	20	0	50
34	CWF13-150	Goodhue Soil and Water Conservation District	CWF13-150 - #1	\$ 295,402	\$ -	\$ 89,361	30	20	0	50
35	CWF13-265	Wabasha Soil and Water Conservation District	CWF13-265 - #3	\$ 357,784	\$ -	\$ 109,355	30	20	0	50
36	CWF13-110	Root River Soil and Water Conservation District	CWF13-110 - #2	\$ 19,689	\$ -	\$ 4,923	30	20	0	50
37	CWF13-192	Morrison Soil and Water Conservation District	CWF13-192 - #2	\$ 99,930	\$ -	\$ 25,000	25	20	0	45
38	CWF13-225	Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation District	CWF13-225 - #6	\$ 8,250	\$ -	\$ 2,100	25	20	0	45
39	CWF13-225	Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation District	CWF13-225 - #7	\$ 25,500	\$ -	\$ 26,000	25	20	0	45
40	CWF13-65	Winona County Soil and Water Conservation District	CWF13-65 - #1	\$ 70,883	\$ -	\$ 25,000	25	20	0	45

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41	CWF13-65	Winona County Soil and Water Conservation District	CWF13-65 - #2	\$ 17,528	\$ -	\$ 3,438	25	20	0	45
42	CWF13-139	Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District	CWF13-139 - #1	\$ 45,397	\$ -	\$ 12,561	20	20	0	40
43	CWF13-182	Lyon Soil and Water Conservation District	CWF13-182 - #1	\$ 59,752	\$ -	\$ 17,567	20	20	0	40
44	CWF13-118	Todd Soil and Water Conservation District	CWF13-118 - #8	\$ 8,680	\$ -	\$ 2,170	20	20	0	40
45	CWF13-65	Winona County Soil and Water Conservation District	CWF13-65 - #3	\$ 277,251	\$ -	\$ 80,312	20	20	0	40
46	CWF13-65	Winona County Soil and Water Conservation District	CWF13-65 - #4	\$ 425,673	\$ -	\$ 110,000	20	20	0	40
47	CWF13-65	Winona County Soil and Water Conservation District	CWF13-65 - #5	\$ 59,508	\$ -	\$ 31,829	20	20	0	40
48	CWF13-65	Winona County Soil and Water Conservation District	CWF13-65 - #6	\$ 31,988	\$ -	\$ 6,100	20	20	0	40
49	CWF13-59	Dodge County Environmental Services	CWF13-59 - #3	\$ 11,988	\$ -	\$ 2,997	15	20	0	35
50	CWF13-59	Dodge County Environmental Services	CWF13-59 - #4	\$ 20,755	\$ -	\$ 5,189	15	20	0	35
51	CWF13-225	Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation District	CWF13-225 - #8	\$ 53,250	\$ -	\$ 15,000	10	20	0	30
52	CWF13-225	Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation District	CWF13-225 - #9	\$ 18,250	\$ -	\$ 29,000	10	20	0	30
53	CWF13-225	Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation District	CWF13-225 - #10	\$ 68,250	\$ -	\$ 20,000	10	20	0	30
54	CWF13-118	Todd Soil and Water Conservation District	CWF13-118 - #9	\$ 82,360	\$ -	\$ 20,590	10	20	0	30
55	CWF13-118	Todd Soil and Water Conservation District	CWF13-118 - #10	\$ 8,680	\$ -	\$ 2,170	10	20	0	30
56	CWF13-265	Wabasha Soil and Water Conservation District	CWF13-265 - #4	\$ 350,059	\$ -	\$ 109,831	10	20	0	30
57	CWF13-265	Wabasha Soil and Water Conservation District	CWF13-265 - #5	\$ 92,088	\$ -	\$ 28,792	10	20	0	30
58	CWF13-59	Dodge County Environmental Services	CWF13-59 - #5	\$ 493,209	\$ -	\$ 123,303	5	20	0	25
59	CWF13-59	Dodge County Environmental Services	CWF13-59 - #6	\$ 50,011	\$ -	\$ 12,503	5	20	0	25
60	CWF13-150	Goodhue Soil and Water Conservation District	CWF13-150 - #2	\$ 178,671	\$ -	\$ 47,383	5	20	0	25

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61	CWF13-110	Root River Soil and Water Conservation District	CWF13-110 - #3	\$ 285,384	\$ -	\$ 2,527	0	20	0	20

FY13 SSTS Grant Allocation Recommendations

Row	CWF ID	Applicant	County	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Amount Leveraged	Title	Project Abstract	Prioritization and Relationship to Plan (15 pts)	Riparian (40 pts)	SSTS Identified (45 pts)	Average Score (100 pts)
1	CWF13-266	City of Afton	Washington	\$ 259,700	\$ 259,700	\$ 13,060	SSTS Abatement to Eliminate Surface/Groundwater Contamination and Detrimental Health Impacts	The Old Village area of Afton is unsewered and wastewater needs are currently being met by subsurface sewage treatment systems (SSTS) located in the 100 year floodplain, which poses risks for contamination during flooding and high rain fall events.	15	40	45	100
2	CWF13-179	Pennington SWCD	Pennington	\$ 26,450	\$ 26,450	\$ 1,323	Pennington County Failing SSTS Abatement Grant	The SSTS abatement grant money would be used fix two septic system that pose an imminent threat to health and public safety. These problems not only impact the individual landowners, but landowners adjacent to this property and within the watershed.	15	40	45	100
3	CWF13-29	Pope County	Pope	\$ 158,900	\$ 63,560	\$ 3,200	Septic System Assistance for Low Income Households in Pope County	Our objective is to provide septic system assistance to four(4) low income homeowners whose systems are posing an imminent health threat to themselves, the community, or the environment.	15	40	45	100
4	CWF13-65	Winona County SWCD	Winona	\$ 205,945	\$ 178,815	\$ 14,678	Winona County SWCD Imminent Public Health Threat SSTS Abatement Program	This project provides funding assistance to low income households in order to fix septic systems that pose an Imminent Threat to Public Health and Safety (ITPHS) within Winona County.	15	31	45	91
5	CWF13-168	Lake of the Woods County	Lake of the Woods	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 1,750	Lake of the Woods County SSTS Abatement Project	Lake of the Woods County is striving to achieve an upgrade of all failing or imminent threat to public health and safety (ITPHS) septic systems. This project will help in meeting that ultimate goal.	15	30	45	90
6	CWF13-19	Todd County	Todd	\$ 68,870	\$ 68,870	\$ 18,500	Todd County Low Income Septic Cost Share	Todd County Planning and Zoning staff will implement a cost share program for low income landowners to upgrade 10 failing systems with compliant systems so as to reduce water quality impacts from these systems.	15	28	45	88
7	CWF13-287	Mille Lacs County	Mille Lacs	\$ 140,000	\$ 140,000	\$ 8,400	Mille Lacs County SSTS Abatement Assistance - Low Income Residents	The SSTS Abatement Assistance project will replace 13 SSTS that are imminent public health threats (IPHT). Residents have voluntarily identified their systems as needing their SSTS fixed.	15	11	45	71
8	CWF13-69	Stearns County	Stearns	\$ 153,925	\$ 153,925	\$ 7,810	Abatement of ITPHS SSTS Systems in Stearns County	Stearns County will provide funding to 14 landowners meeting low income standards to fix their imminent health threat septic systems.	15	0	45	60
9	CWF13-88	Chisago County	Chisago	\$ 216,600	\$ 216,600	\$ 10,830	Amador Township-Almelund Subordinate Sewer District Wastewater Cluster System	This project is apart of the overall development of a community solution to solve waster water issues in Amador Township, Chisago County. This project will help fund 6 landowners that are apart of the overall solution.	15	0	45	60

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10	CWF13-274/277	Lac qui Parle County	Lac qui Parle	\$ 292,840	\$ 292,840	\$ 14,639	City of Louisburg Action Plan to Bring Septic Systems into Compliance	This City of Louisburg is an unsewered community in north central Lac qui Parle County. This project will result in the development of a community system to treat 22 imminent health threat systems.	15	0	45	60
11	CWF13-58	McLeod County	McLeod	\$ 95,000	\$ 95,000	\$ 4,750	City of Biscay Wastewater Cluster System	The City of Biscay in McLeod County will be installing a community cluster system and also some individual SSTS to address sewage that is currently discharging directly in the North Fork of the Crow River.	15	0	45	60
12	CWF13-101	St. Louis County	St. Louis County	\$ 101,304	\$ 101,034	\$ 75,000	St. Louis County Imminent Public Health Threat SSTS Abatement Program	The St Louis County Imminent Public Health Threat SSTS Abatement Program will provide ten low income property owners in the St. Louis River and Rainy River Headwaters watersheds.	15	0	45	60

FY13 Accelerated Implementation Grant Allocation Recommendations

Row	CWF ID	Applicant	County	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Amount Leveraged	Title	Project Abstract	Clarity of Project (40pts)	Prioritization and Relationship to Plan (25 pts)	Means and Measures (20 pts)	Timeline for Implementation (15 pts)	Average Score (100 pts)
1	CWF13-239	Wadena Soil and Water Conservation District	Wadena	\$ 145,000	\$ 145,000	\$ 40,000	Accelerated Ground Water Protection Through Irrigation Water Management	The purpose of this project is to establish a shared Irrigation Specialist through the Hubbard, Todd and Wadena SWCD's to work with Irrigation producers. Most of the tri-county irrigated acreage consists of highly permeable, low water holding capacity, sandy textured soils overlying very susceptible aquifers.	35.0	21.5	17.3	12.9	86.8
2	CWF13-148	Cass County Environmental Services	Cass	\$ 40,680	\$ 40,680	\$ 12,500	East and West Sylvan Township Septic Sweep Compliance Inspections	This purpose of this project is to conduct 500 compliance inspection of ISTS systems in East and West Sylvan Townships which lie in the extreme southern part of Cass County. The majority of systems are located within the Shoreland Zone and have been classified as having soils sensitive to nitrate contamination.	32.1	19.5	16.3	12.3	80.1
3	CWF13-104	Sauk River Watershed District	Stearns	\$ 72,950	\$ 72,950	\$ 18,300	SRWD's Advance Watershed-wide BMP Implementation Strategy	The purpose of this project will address impaired water resources throughout the Sauk River Watershed District by providing the necessary tools for the SRWD and local agencies to work together to target priority areas, install the necessary BMPs, and track what has been completed to achieve reduction goals for each impaired waterbody.	32.5	20.3	13.7	13.2	79.7
4	CWF13-176	Mille Lacs SWCD	Mille Lacs	\$ 257,120	\$ 257,120	\$ 110,000	Accelerated Outreach to Agricultural Producers to Advance BMP Implementation.	The purpose of this project is to provide an agricultural technician who will work directly with producers to answer questions, identify sensitive natural resource features and provide conservation plans that will result in the implementation of best management practices to protect local soil and water resources.	31.7	19.3	15.6	11.5	78.1
5	CWF13-141	East Otter Tail Soil and Water Conservation District	Otter Tail	\$ 42,400	\$ 42,400	\$ 12,400	Otter Tail County Lake Assessments Phase II	The purpose of this project is to work in conjunction with RMB Labs to complete Individual Lake Assessments on the remaining 38 lakes in Otter Tail County that have enough data for an assessment. This information, along with the information from the first lake assessment project, will be incorporated into the Otter Tail County Comprehensive Water Management Plan.	30.4	18.8	15.3	11.8	76.3
6	CWF13-258	Rock County SWCD/Land Mgt	Rock	\$ 69,510	\$ 69,510	\$ 17,378	Rock River Watershed BMP Targeting Tools	The purpose of this project is to utilize LIDAR topographic data to determine areas of high effectiveness for BMP implementation on the 570 square mile Rock River Watershed. This will be Phase I of a focused approach to address the areas of the watershed that will provide the best return on dollars spent for BMPs in each county.	32.1	18.8	15.0	9.6	75.4
7	CWF13-132	Lac qui Parle-Yellow Bank Watershed District	Multi-County	\$ 66,572	\$ 66,572	\$ 16,643	Lac qui Parle Yellow Bank Watershed GIS Terrain Analysis	The purpose of this project is to contract with the Water Resource Center at the Minnesota State University in Mankato to complete terrain analysis for the watershed. It will concentrate on the impaired reaches of the Lac qui Parle and Yellow Bank Rivers and tributaries. This analysis will provide valuable data for future planning and prioritizing of projects.	28.8	18.3	15.9	12.0	74.9
8	CWF13-61	SE SWCD Technical Support JPB	Multi-County	\$ 613,047	\$ 613,047	\$ 153,262	Accelerated NPEA Engineering Assistance in SE MN	The purpose of this project is to continue to fully fund 3 Non Point Engineering Assistance JPB positions in cooperation with the NPEA Base Funding anticipated at \$130,000 per year. This will allow a 2nd Professional Engineer to be retained in addition to a Lead Engineer and Technician.	30.0	18.8	14.8	11.0	74.6
9	CWF13-51	Benton SWCD	Benton	\$ 79,276	\$ 79,276	\$ 19,819	Mayhew Lake Nutrient Management, Feedlot and Pasture Assessments	The purpose of this project is to inventory, assess and design projects, focusing on feedlot runoff, for inclusion in future grant applications and federal funding opportunities. Efforts will be located in Benton County based on high priority work areas identified in TMDL plans.	30.4	18.6	15.2	10.2	74.3

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10	CWF13-113	Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area (RCRCA)	Multi-County	\$ 52,600	\$ 52,600	\$ 18,000	Redwood-Cottonwood River Watersheds LIDAR BMP Prioritization Targeting Tool	This purpose of this project is to accelerate conservation efforts to reduce overland runoff and bacteria, sediment and nutrient loadings through further refinement of already targeted sub-watersheds in the Redwood and Cottonwood rivers as outlined in TMDL studies. Activities through this project seek to create a suite of maps showing focus areas based on environmental sensitivity variables through GIS analysis using precision LIDAR DEM data.	30.4	17.8	13.5	11.7	73.3
11	CWF13-129	Pope Soil and Water Conservation District	Pope	\$ 30,350	\$ 30,350	\$ 7,588	Ravine Inventory and Preliminary Design for Lake Minnewaska's South Shore	The purpose of this project is to do a full inventory of the ravines on the south shore of Lake Minnewaska. Lake Minnewaska is the largest body of water in Pope County and is a highly used recreational lake. The erosion in these ravines is causing large amounts of sediment and phosphorus to be dumped directly into Lake Minnewaska.	29.6	17.8	14.8	10.8	73.0
12	CWF13-189	Morrison Soil and Water Conservation District	Morrison	\$ 71,250	\$ 71,250	\$ 18,000	Morrison County SSTS Compliance Ordinance Pilot Implementation - Fish Trap Lake	The purpose of this project is to implement a new SSTS compliance ordinance by piloting comprehensive septic inventory inspection on Fish Trap Lake with cooperation of the Fish Trap Lake Association.	28.3	17.3	14.4	11.3	71.4
13	CWF13-62	SE SWCD Technical Support JPB	Multi-County	\$ 333,120	\$ 333,120	\$ 83,280	Accelerated Feedlot Technical Assistance in SE MN	The purpose of this project is to extend 2 feedlot technical positions initially created and funded by a FY2011 CWF Feedlot Water Quality Grant that assess and help fix animal waste runoff from small feedlots.	28.3	17.0	16.1	9.9	71.3
14	CWF13-200	Cook County Soil and Water Conservation District	Cook	\$ 228,343	\$ 126,125.00	\$ 96,290	Targeting nutrient loading reduction from prioritized shoreline SSTS inspections	The purpose of this project is to conduct ISTS inspections on Tom Lake, Greenwood Lake, and McFarland Lake. Incorporated into the process will be development of a database system and GIS mapping to be implemented into future inspections. Upon successful completion of the project, new septic inspection protocols will be developed and amended into new septic ordinances.	27.9	18.1	13.8	11.2	70.9
15	CWF13-201	Crow Wing Soil and Water Conservation District	Crow Wing	\$ 43,050	\$ -	\$ 11,000	Gull Lake Subwatershed Feedlot and Grazing Inventory	The purpose of this project is to investigate and quantify sources of a fecal coliform, phosphorus and sediment to Sibley and Mayo lakes by completing a feedlot and grazing inventory of Gull Lake Subwatershed.	28.8	17.3	11.8	10.8	68.6
16	CWF13-36	Scott Watershed Management Organization	Scott	\$ 106,800	\$ -	\$ 26,700	Accelerated Implementation to Reduce Near Channel Sediment Sources, Scott County	The purpose of this project is reduce sediment into Sand Creek which has significant channel bank and bluff erosion by prioritizing near channel sediment source areas, and completing feasibility studies for prioritization and maturation of capitol improvement projects at a more accelerated rate than we can on our own.	27.1	16.6	14.2	10.3	68.2
16	CWF13-299	North Central MN Joint Powers Board	Multi-County	\$ 249,000	\$ -	\$ 62,250	Protecting Some of Minnesota's Greatest Water Resources for Future Generations	The purpose of this project is to fund a Water Quality Project Targeting Specialist who is skilled in water quality and spatial data analysis and watershed modeling, stormwater management project design, and BMP project implementation for the North Central Area.	29.6	16.9	12.3	9.2	67.9
18	CWF13-268	Redwood SWCD	Redwood	\$ 171,600	\$ -	\$ 171,600	Targeted Water Quality Conservation Implementation and Outreach	The purpose of this project is fund a person on-the-ground to directly contact landowners within 9 small subwatersheds with in Redwood County that poses major concerns for water quality for the Cottonwood River due to the erodibility of the soils, steep topography, and land use patterns.	27.1	17.3	12.8	10.4	67.7
19	CWF13-127	Cook County Soil and Water Conservation District	Cook	\$ 40,550	\$ -	\$ 10,200	Stream Restoration Assessment of Woods Creek	The purpose of this project is to develop a prioritized list of restoration projects along Woods Creek which has suffered from significant erosion and stream destabilization at many locations, likely due to development, beaver dams, ponding, and stream re-channelization by landowners.	27.1	15.9	13.3	11.0	67.3
20	CWF13-118	Todd SWCD	Todd	\$ 231,240	\$ -	\$ 57,810	Todd SWCD Engineering Technician	The purpose of this project is to fund an engineering technician for Todd SWCD to assist with the backlog of 15 projects in need of engineering assistance for various feedlot and shoreland best management practices.	27.9	16.3	12.8	9.6	66.6

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21	CWF13-2	Becker County Planning and Zoning	Becker	\$ 152,640	\$ -	\$ 38,160	Shoreland Individual on-site Sewage Treatment Compliance and Education Program	The purpose of this project is to assure that all individual sewage treatment systems (ISTS) within 267 feet of the lakeshore are in compliance with Minnesota Pollution Control standards of MN Chapter 7080.	25.8	16.5	14.0	10.1	66.4
22	CWF13-133	Pomme de Terre River Association	Multi-County	\$ 81,372	\$ -	\$ 20,343	Pomme de Terre Accelerated Technological Capacity and BMP Targeting	The purpose of this project is to increase the technological capacity of the partners of the Pomme de Terre JPB, establish high level priority sites based on LiDAR derived data on a sub-watershed level, and establish a parcel map database in Grant County to complete parcel data collection in the watershed.	27.1	16.0	13.6	9.7	66.3
23	CWF13-222	Douglas Soil and Water Conservation District	Douglas	\$ 33,795	\$ -	\$ 9,015	Douglas County Lakeshed Retrofit Analysis	The purpose of this project is perform subwatershed analysis to identify potential pollution reducing BMPs for each subwatershed of a number of targeted lakes This provides a priority basis to implement pollution reduction efforts around water bodies of concern without excessive investments in field work and data collection.	27.5	16.3	13.3	8.6	65.7
24	CWF13-124	South Louis	St. Louis	\$ 91,520.0	\$ -	\$ 24,560	Accelerated Implementation of Bank Stabilization Projects on Flood-Damaged Duluth Streams	The purpose of this project is to provide salary and benefits for one engineering technician for 12 months in order to provide accelerated stream recovery assistance to riparian landowners ho reported damages from the 500-year rain event of June, 2012, when extreme peak flows tore away banks along almost every stream in Duluth.	27.5	16.5	13.3	8.3	65.6
25	CWF13-99	Renville Soil and Water Conservation District	Renville	\$ 6,300	\$ -	\$ 1,600	Renville County Controlled Drainage Inventory	The purpose of this project is to use LiDAR topographic data and Renville County drainage maps to inventory potential sites for controlled drainage projects in the watershed which would allow the SWCD to then target priority wetland restoration and saturated buffer projects for future funding.	28.3	16.9	10.8	8.1	64.1
26	CWF13-267	City of Prior Lake	Scott	\$ 34,300	\$ -	\$ 10,000	Arctic Lake Subwatershed Analysis and Targeted BMP Implementation Plan	The purpose of this project is to perform a sub-watershed assessment for the Arctic Lake watershed which will result in a prioritized list of Best Management Practice focus areas.	25.8	15.4	12.8	9.8	63.8
27	CWF13-120	Todd SWCD	Todd	\$ 38,240	\$ -	\$ 9,560	BMP Prioritization Plan	The purpose of this project is to purchase GIS software, spatial analyst and 3D analyst to develop a model that will identify high priority areas based on soil K factor, slope, land use, land cover, proximity to sensitive features and elevation. Once all data is aggregated, minor watersheds will then be ranked and prioritized by vulnerability, which would then allow staff to prioritize their workflow to target sub-watersheds.	26.3	15.5	12.3	9.1	63.1
28	CWF13-264	Bois de Sioux Watershed District	Multi-County	\$ 64,444	\$ -	\$ 16,112	Mustinka River Watershed BMP Implementation Planning Tools	The creation of a geospatial database in the form of parcel mapping will provide a streamlined means of identifying and contacting landowners whose property would benefit from the implementation of Best Management Practices for water quality improvement. The database will be incorporated into a web based geographic information system created for Traverse and Grant Counties, as well as the state-of-the-art GIS application BMP ranking tool developed by the International Water Institute allowing resource managers the ability to automatically produce maps, reports, and generate contact information.	25.8	14.8	11.8	8.8	61.3

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29	CWF13-260	Red River Valley Conservation Service Area		\$ 230,640	\$ -	\$ 57,660	Accelerated Application of Precision Conservation for Water Quality	The purpose of this project is to build off of the Water Quality Decision Support Application that was developed for the Red River Valley to effectively target locations to reduce field erosion. Specifically, this project will further analyze priority Lakesheds and sub-watersheds to effectively target sediment and nutrient sources. This information will be incorporated in the Local Water Management Plans and provide direction to resource managers and policy makers in the Red River Valley.	23.0	15.3	12.7	10.3	61.2
30	CWF13-263	Wright Soil and Water Conservation District	Wright	\$ 60,000	\$ -	\$ 12,288	Wright County Healthy Lakes Project	The purpose of this project is to organize and increase the capacity of 16 key lakes associations in Wright County through the development of a relevant lake management plan.	24.2	14.8	11.8	9.0	59.8
31	CWF13-68	Carver County WMO	Carver	\$ 37,570	\$ -	\$ 9,900	Carver County BMP Water Quality Targeting Tools	The purpose of this project is to develop detailed GIS-based hydrologic data and targeting tools to assist in the identification of areas with high potential for sediment and bacterial loading for approximately 200 square miles of Carver County. The data will be used to identify target areas for best management practices necessary for watershed restoration and protection efforts.	25.4	15.8	10.3	8.3	59.8
32	CWF13-63	Rice SWCD	Rice	\$ 276,000	\$ -	\$ 72,000	Going Blue in the Cannon River Watershed	The purpose of this project is the creation of an "Urban Conservationist" position that would be shared among 4 MS4 cities within the Cannon River Watershed. Our goal would be to have at least 25 practices designed and installed by the end of the project in the cities that participate as well as laying firm ground for continuing this work into the future.	25.0	14.3	11.0	8.8	59.2
33	CWF13-15	Comfort Lake Forest Lake Watershed District	Washington	\$ 35,964	\$ -	\$ 15,500	North Shore Trail Sub-Watershed Assessment	The purpose of this project is to conduct a sub-watershed assessment along the North Shore Trail which drains to Forest Lake which has shown a recent decline in water quality. The assessment will identify, evaluate, prepare concept plans and cost estimates for feasible projects, and then prioritize those projects based on cost and their water quality benefit to Forest Lake.	22.9	14.0	11.5	9.8	58.3
34	CWF13-281	City of Independence	Hennepin	\$ 30,060	\$ -	\$ 7,515	Targeting Lake Independence and Lake Sarah Priority Water Quality Projects	The purpose of this project is to create a targeted list of projects for the City of Independency by utilizing the latest in remote sensing technology and stormwater quality modeling. These projects would reduce nutrients to Lake Independence and Lake Sarah.	21.7	13.7	8.8	9.0	53.2
35	CWF13-98	Shell Rock River Watershed District	Freeborn	\$ 107,600	\$ -	\$ 26,900	Precision Conservation in Impaired Waters of the Shell Rock River	The purpose of this project is to expand on the GIS and modeling work initiated in Bancroft Creek subwatershed by identifying Critical Contributing Area as the basis for defining Priority Management Zones in the four subwatershed groups in the Shell Rock River Watershed. This will result in completing a comprehensive assessment of existing BMPs in priority management zones and implementing a minimum of 10 best management practices.	22.5	13.7	8.5	6.8	51.4
36	CWF13-287	Mille Lacs County	Mille Lacs	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 25,000	Mille Lacs County Ditch Records Modernization Project (DRMP)	The purpose of this project are to convert existing ditch records from paper to electronic, accurately map in the field ditch centerlines, inlets and outlets, and electronically identify benefitting parcels and drainage areas by integrating the modernized records with the County's GIS basemap which includes aerial photos and LiDAR data.	20.8	11.8	10.1	7.7	50.4

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37	CWF13-297	Wright Soil and Water Conservation District	Wright	\$ 25,190	\$ -	\$ 6,527	Targeted Fertilizer Application Reduction Project	The purpose of this project is to achieve a 10% reduction in phosphorus fertilizer application rates on 4,000 acres of targeted cropland within the Ditch 10 subwatershed while still realizing full yield goals. The Ann Lake Nutrient TMDL has identified Ditch 10 as a major contributor of the phosphorus load and this watershed is comprised of 79% agricultural land use.	19.2	10.8	9.1	7.2	46.2

FY13 Community Partners Grant Allocation Recommendations

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1	CWF13-34	Dakota County Soil and Water Conservation District	Dakota	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 25,000	Dakota County Clean Water Community Initiative	The purpose of this project is to provide cost share funding to organizations and associations to construct medium-sized water quality best management practices in Dakota County.	33.8	22.2	15.8	8.8	80.4
2	CWF13-155	Ramsey Conservation District	Ramsey	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 50,000	Ramsey County Community Partners	The purpose of this project is provide opportunities to community partners to install 6-12 stormwater best management projects that will help protect and improve water quality of county lakes. Properties within a subwatershed of a TMDL or completed subwatershed assessment will be targeted.	33.8	21.7	15.3	8.7	79.3
3	CWF13-148	Cass County Environmental Services	Cass	\$ 59,800	\$ 59,800	\$ 14,950	Cost Effective Stormwater Control in Cass County	The purpose of this project is to engage local lake associations and other local non-profits to partner in community efforts to retrofit areas in their communities by installing curb cut raingardens at strategic locations.	33.8	22.3	14.4	7.8	78.3
4	CWF13-193	Washington Conservation District	Washington	\$ 123,930	\$ 123,930	\$ 30,983	Large Turf Areas Conversion to Native Plantings	The purpose of this project is to engage community partners to reduce overall phosphorus contributions to Lake St. Croix by converting maintained turf grass areas to native plant cover. The goal of this project is to install 30 projects.	30.8	23.1	15.3	8.5	77.8
5	CWF13-141	East Otter Tail Soil and Water Conservation District	Otter Tail	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 39,375	Otter Tail County Community Partners Conservation Sub-grant Program	The purpose of this project is to enable community groups to go beyond planning and take action to protect their water resources. Community groups that participate will emerge with an engaged and energized membership, a better understanding of how to positively influence their water quality, and well positioned to identify and implement future water quality protection projects.	32.5	21.3	15.1	8.3	77.1
6	CWF13-222	Douglas Soil and Water Conservation District	Douglas	\$ 54,735	\$ 54,735	\$ 13,752	Partners for Clean Water- Douglas County Conservation Grant Program	The purpose of this project is to enable community groups to take action to improve their water resources. Engaging citizens directly in project development and installation efforts provides immediate water quality benefits and develops a community of active stewardship.	32.5	21.5	14.1	7.8	75.9
7	CWF13-249	Hubbard SWCD	Hubbard	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 25,000	Hubbard County Community Partners Conservation Program	The purpose of this project is to give community groups the resources necessary to build interest in and awareness of the water quality challenges facing their lakes and empower them to make positive improvements in the form of reduced stormwater runoff. Additionally, this program will share the cost of implementing the structural and vegetative practices.	32.5	20.7	14.3	7.6	75.1
8	CWF13-126	Cook County Soil and Water Conservation District	Cook	\$ 149,855	\$ 149,855	\$ 37,500	Lake Superior Basin Stormwater Management Implementation Projects	The purpose of the project is to provide sub-grant opportunities to community partners in the Lake Superior Basin who would like to implement rain gardens to reduce the stormwater footprint on Lake Superior. It is projected that 4 to 5 rain gardens could be completed providing stormwater treatment to approximately 18 to 30 acres in the Cook County.	32.5	21.3	13.8	7.3	74.9

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9	CWF13-135	Fillmore SWCD	Fillmore	\$ 45,240	\$ 45,240	\$ 17,750	Fillmore County Community Partners Stormwater Mini-Grant Program	The purpose of this project is to provide an opportunity to work with non-profits and other groups in local communities to implement stormwater practices that improve infiltration, storage and treatment of stormwater before it discharges into streams and rivers.	31.7	21.2	14.3	7.6	74.8
10	CWF13-20	Aitkin County Soil & Water Conservation District	Aitkin	\$ 35,475	\$ 35,475	\$ 8,900	Aitkin County Partnerships for Clean Water	The purpose of this project is to partner with the Aitkin County Lakes and Rivers Association, Lake Associations, as well as other eligible community partners to reduce the impacts of stormwater runoff and retain water on the land. A mini-grant program will be implemented to install rain gardens and native vegetation buffers along shorelines.	32.1	20.6	13.6	7.7	73.9
11	CWF13-175	Pine Soil and Water Conservation District	Pine	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000	\$ 14,100	St. Croix River Community Low Impact Development Implementation Projects	The purpose of this project is to improve water quality by reducing the sediment and phosphorus delivery to the Kettle and St. Croix River Watersheds	31.7	20.5	13.8	7.3	73.3
12	CWF13-45	Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District	Multi-County	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 37,500	Targeting Faith Organizations for Water Quality Improvement	The purpose of this project is to collaborate with faith organizations in high priority areas to implement stormwater volume reduction retrofit projects. High priority areas are defined as areas with limited to no stormwater treatment before reaching a water body and/or areas that drain to an impaired water.	27.1	21.7	15.7	8.2	72.6
13	CWF13-191	Riley-Purgatory-Bluff Creek Watershed District	Hennepin	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 37,500	Restoring our Waters through our Community	The purpose of this project is to implement medium sized Best Management Practices that would infiltrate and reduce pollutant loads to the waters in the Riley-Purgatory-Creek Watershed District. This will be accomplished by creating a mini grant program for area non-profits, community groups and lake associations.	28.8	21.7	13.8	7.8	72.1
14	CWF13-217	Faribault SWCD	Faribault	\$ 37,500	\$ 37,500	\$ 10,000	Faribault County Stormwater Mini Grant Program	The purpose of this project is to develop a mini grant program that will allow us to partner with area non-profits, community groups and lake associations to implement stormwater management practices that will intercept, treat, filtrate and/or infiltrate runoff which will reduce phosphorus and sediment loads into high priority and TMDL impaired waters in Faribault County.	30.8	20.0	13.1	7.8	71.7
15	CWF13-83	Rice County Environmental Services	Rice	\$ 31,500	\$ 31,500	\$ 7,875	Ensuring Stewardship: Rice County Community Environmental Partnership Program	The purpose of this project is to increase awareness of environmental stewardship practices by providing up to five subgrants to local partners to engage the public, provide education on Best Management Practices, and create practices, including rain gardens, vegetative buffers, and wetland restorations.	30.8	20.4	12.8	7.4	71.5
16	CWF13-70	Carver County WMO	Carver	\$ 149,990	\$ -	\$ 37,500	East Chaska Creek Area Community Partnership Initiative	The purpose of this project is to work with community partners in the East Chaska Creek Watersheds and specifically targeting the areas that surround the Lake Grace chain of lakes.	29.6	20.2	12.8	7.0	69.5
17	CWF13-186	Morrison Soil and Water Conservation District	Morrison	\$ 47,450	\$ -	\$ 12,000	City of Royalton Rain Garden Initiative	The purpose of this project is to install up to 11 rain gardens in the City of Royalton.	30.0	19.0	12.9	7.6	69.5

Row	CWF ID	Applicant	County	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Amount Leveraged	Title	Project Abstract	Clarity of Project (40 pts)	Prioritization and Relationship to Plan (30 pts)	Plan for Assessing the Programs (20 pts)	LGU Capacity (10 pts)	Average Score (100 pts)
18	CWF13-18	Chisago SWCD	Chisago	\$ 30,920	\$ -	\$ 7,800	Helping Chisago County Community Partners Implement Best Management Practices	The purpose of this project is to provide cost share funding for community partners in Chisago County to implement Best Management Practices on their property. Practices may include rain gardens, vegetated swales, pervious pavement, tree pits, and other practices that reduce stormwater runoff volume, velocity, and the resulting erosion.	28.8	18.4	11.6	7.3	66.0
19	CWF13-281	City of Independence	Hennepin	\$ 50,060	\$ -	\$ 12,515	Lake Independence and Lake Sarah: Improving Our Waters Together	The purpose of this project is to solicit proposals from active organizations such as the Lake Independence Citizens Association, the Lake Sarah Improvement Association and other interested homeowner's associations that have the necessary capacity to implement projects that treat stormwater.	29.6	17.3	11.0	6.7	64.5
20	CWF13-213	Le Sueur County	Le Sueur	\$ 149,950	\$ -	\$ 37,525	Community Partnerships for Le Sueur County Water Resources	The purpose of this project is to provide funding opportunities for local nonprofit and nongovernmental groups to implement projects that improve water quality and reduce pollutants from reaching surface waters in Le Sueur County.	26.3	17.9	11.8	6.8	62.8
21	CWF13-263	Wright Soil and Water Conservation District	Wright	\$ 164,458	\$ -	\$ 41,115	Wright County Lake Priority Lake Grant	The purpose of this project is to provide a more comprehensive funding mechanism for lake associations within Wright County. O	25.4	15.2	10.9	6.8	58.3

FY13 Conservation Drainage Grant Allocation Recommendations

CWF ID	Applicant	County	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	Amount Leveraged	Title	Project Abstract	Problem Identification and Relationship to Local Plan (20)	Consistency with Conservation Drainage Management Program Purposes (30)	Project Located on a Public Drainage System (10)	Project Evaluation Plan (10)	Outreach Plan (10)	Overall Proposal Quality and Completeness (20)	Average Score (100)
CWF13-112	North Fork Crow River Watershed District	Multi-County	\$ 65,810	\$ 65,810	\$ 16,453	North Fork Crow River Watershed District Alternative Drainage Practices	The purpose of this project is to implementing 100 Alternative Inlets and 2 saturated buffer in efforts to reduce the nutrients, sediment and volume of water being transported by field tile.	17.9	27.2	9.6	8.8	8.1	17.0	88.6
CWF13-242	Faribault Soil and Water Conservation District	Faribault	\$ 188,500	\$ 188,500	\$ 47,125	Drainage Management Planning for Faribault County's Future	The purpose of this project is to develop comprehensive Multipurpose Drainage Management Plans that protect landowner drainage needs, while focusing on applicable best management practices that will reduce on-field and in-channel peak flow and erosion.	18.1	25.2	9.9	8.7	7.8	16.7	86.3
CWF13-258	Rock County SWCD	Rock	\$ 63,775	\$ 63,775	\$ 24,400	Rock River Conservation Drainage Water Management Demonstration Sites	The purpose of this project is to install, demonstrate and expand water drainage conservation within the Rock River Watershed. Up to four sites will be chosen based upon local selection criteria, installed and demonstrated to the public in 2013 and 2014.	17.5	26.7	0.5	8.5	8.7	17.8	79.8
CWF13-241	Buffalo-Red River Watershed District	Multi-County	\$ 333,590	\$ 333,590	\$ 83,400	Clay County Ditches 9, 32, and 33 Water Quality Improvement	The purpose of this project is to retrofit Clay County Ditches 9, 32, and 33 just south of Moorhead, MN. The project involves the installation of an estimated 87 side inlet sediment controls and 35 acres of bufferstrips.	17.4	22.0	9.9	7.3	4.6	13.2	74.4
CWF13-227	Martin County Drainage Authority	Martin	\$ 62,100	\$ 62,100	\$ 15,525	Martin County Conservation Drainage Methods Public Watershed Improvements Analysis	The purpose of this project is to examine four potential public drainage projects within the County and analyze the cost/benefit of using conservation practices within these public drainageshed areas.	12.6	22.7	9.5	6.2	6.7	11.9	69.6
CWF13-254	Sauk River Watershed District	Stearns	\$ 270,500	\$ 228,587	\$ 68,000	Upland Drainage Conservation and Ravine Stabilization Project	The purpose of this project is to target three identified drainage systems contributing to one tributary outfall to Long Lake. Alternative intake structures to manage for nutrients and mitigative measures will be implemented to retain water on the upland properties. Intakes and outfalls will be enhanced with iron filtration to target reduction in soluble phosphorus.	14.7	19.1	9.2	7.1	6.3	11.3	67.7



Conflict of Interest Disclosure for Grant Application Reviewer

Grant Program: Reallocation of Targeted Drainage Water Management Grant

Date: December 12, 2012

Name of Review Group: Grants Program and Policy Committee

Grant Making Meeting Procedure

Meetings that are part of the grant making process will include an agenda item to identify and disclose actual or perceived conflicts of interest. During this agenda item, the chair of the meeting shall make a statement that defines what a conflict of interest is and a request that meeting participants disclose any actual or perceived conflicts. This statement is as follows:

Chair Statement: *"A conflict of interest whether actual, potential, or perceived, occurs when someone in a position of trust has competing professional or personal interests and these competing interests make it difficult to fulfill professional duties impartially. At this time, members are requested to declare conflicts of interest they may have regarding today's business."*

This form gives grant application reviewers an opportunity to disclose any actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest that may exist during a grant review process. It is the grant reviewer's obligation to be familiar with the Office of Grants Management (OGM) Policy 08-01, Conflict of Interest Policy for State Grant-Making and to disclose any conflicts of interest accordingly.

All grant reviewers must complete and sign a conflict of interest disclosure form. The grant reviewer must identify any grant applicant with which they have an actual, potential or perceived conflict, but is not required to explain the reason for the conflict of interest on this disclosure form as this form is considered public data under Minn. Statute 13.599- Grants, but must discuss with appropriate agency or grant program personnel. **A disclosure does not automatically result in the grant application reviewer being removed from the review process.**

Please read the definition of conflict of interest below and mark the appropriate boxes that pertain to you and your status as a reviewer of applications for this Grant Program.

Description of actual, potential, and perceived conflicts of interest

Actual conflict of interest:

An actual conflict of interest shall be deemed to exist when a review of the situation by the grant reviewer or other agency personnel determines that a decision or action by the grant reviewer would compromise a duty to another party.

OGM Policy 08-01 determines that an actual conflict of interest exists when any one of the following conditions is present:

1. A state employee or a grant reviewer uses his/her status or position to obtain special advantage, benefit, or access to the grantee or grant applicant's time, services, facilities, equipment, supplies, badge, uniform, prestige, or influence.
2. A state employee or a grant reviewer receives or accepts money or anything else of value from a state grantee or grant applicant or has equity or a financial interest in or partial or whole ownership of an applicant organization.

3. A state employee or a grant reviewer is an employee or board member of a grant applicant or grantee applicants or is a family member of anyone involved in the grantee or grant applicant's agency.

Potential Conflict of Interest:

A potential conflict of interest may exist if a grant application reviewer has a relationship, affiliation, or other interest that could create an inappropriate influence if the person is called on to make a decision or recommendation that would affect one or more of those relationships, affiliations, or interests. For example, a grant reviewer that serves in a volunteer capacity for an applicant organization has the potential to, but does not necessarily create a conflict of interest, depending on the nature of the relationship between the two parties.

A disclosed potential conflict of interest warrants additional discussion between the grant reviewer and appropriate agency or grant program personnel in order to identify the nature of the relationship, affiliation, or other interest and mitigate any potential conflicts.

Perceived Conflict of Interest:

Per OGM Policy 08-01, a perceived conflict of interest is any situation in which a reasonable third party would conclude that conflicting duties or loyalties exist.

A disclosed perceived conflict of interest warrants additional discussion between the grant reviewer and appropriate agency or grant program personnel in order to identify and mitigate any perceived conflicts.

As a grant reviewer, I certify that I have read and understand the description of conflict of interests explained above and in OGM Policy 08-01 and (check one of the three boxes below):

- ☐ I do not have any conflicts of interest relating to this program's grant applicants or proposed projects and I will participate in the review process.
- ☐ I have reviewed the list of applicants, and I have an ACTUAL, POTENTIAL, or PERCEIVED conflict of interest with the applicant(s) listed below. I will still participate in the review process and I will abstain from scoring, discussing and making decisions on any issues in relation to the applicant(s) listed below. *(The grant reviewer must state any and all applicants with which he/she has a conflict of interest and may describe the nature of the conflict in the space below, but a description is not required on this form since this form is considered public data.*

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- ☐ After reviewing the Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form and OGM Policy 08-01, I am UNABLE or CHOOSE NOT to participate in this review process.

If at any time during the review process I discover a conflict of interest, I will stop reviewing any grant applications I may have received and disclose that conflict immediately to appropriate agency or grant program personnel.

Reviewer's printed name: _____

Reviewer's signature: _____

Date: _____

Reviewer's Organization/Agency: _____



BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA ITEM TITLE:

Reallocation of a Targeted Drainage Water Management Grant ¹

Meeting Date: December 12, 2012

Agenda Category: ☒ Committee Recommendation ☐ New Business ☐ Old Business

Item Type: ☒ Decision ☐ Discussion ☐ Information

Section/Region:

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Reviewed by: Grants Program and Policy Committee(s)

Presented by: Tim Gillette

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Attachments: ☒ Resolution ☐ Order ☐ Map ☐ Other Supporting Information

Fiscal/Policy Impact

☐ None

☐ Amended Policy Requested

☐ New Policy Requested

☐ General Fund Budget

☐ Capital Budget

☐ Outdoor Heritage Fund Budget

☒ Clean Water Fund Budget

☒ Other: Amended resolution for grant allocation requested

ACTION REQUESTED

Amend BWSR Board resolution approved in June 2012 allocating Targeted Drainage Water Management grants to replace the Bois de Sioux Watershed District with a partnership of Wilkin and Traverse SWCDs.

SUMMARY *(Consider: history, reason for consideration now, alternatives evaluated, basis for recommendation)*

The 2012 Legislature appropriated an additional \$700,000 for the CWF Conservation Drainage Program for FY 2013, with a focus on drainage water management. The Board approved Targeted Drainage Water Management Grants to 7 local government units in June 2012. One of the grantees was the Bois de Sioux Watershed District, which was targeted to receive \$170,000. By resolution of the Board of Managers, the Bois de Sioux WD has declined the grant, due to concerns about workload, ongoing conservation practice monitoring responsibilities and a perspective that SWCDs could implement this funding better than their WD, based on SWCD experience with conservation practice implementation and monitoring.

Because the Bois de Sioux WD has been very active with permitting of agricultural drainage projects and includes substantial applicable 0 - 2 % slope lands, it would be a great loss to the purpose and plan of the targeted DWM grant program if the applicable funding could not be used in that area of the state. Therefore, BWSR staff coordinated with the SWCDs in the area, resulting in Wilkin and Traverse SWCDs agreeing to form a partnership to implement this targeted grant, including coordination with the Bois de Sioux WD and its permitting program.



Board Resolution # _____

BWSR Targeted Drainage Water Management Grants

WHEREAS, the BWSR Board passed Resolution 12-55 on June 27, 2012 specifying the recipients of the FY 2013 BWSR Targeted Drainage Water Management (DWM) Grants; and

WHEREAS, One of the grantees was the Bois de Sioux Watershed District, which was targeted to receive \$170,000; and

WHEREAS, By resolution of the Board of Managers, the Bois de Sioux WD has declined the grant, due to concerns about workload, ongoing conservation practice monitoring responsibilities and a perspective that SWCDs could implement this funding better than their WD, based on SWCD experience with conservation practice implementation and monitoring; and

WHEREAS, the Bois de Sioux WD has been very active with permitting of agricultural drainage projects and includes substantial applicable 0 - 2 % slope lands, it would be a great loss to the purpose and plan of the targeted DWM grant program if the applicable funding could not be used in that area of the state; and

WHEREAS, BWSR staff coordinated with the SWCDs in the area, resulting in Wilkin and Traverse SWCDs agreeing to form a partnership to implement this targeted grant of \$170,000, including coordination with the Bois de Sioux WD and its permitting program.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board hereby resolves to amend the list of BWSR Targeted Drainage Water Management Grant recipients to remove the Bois de Sioux WD and include the Wilkin and Traverse SWCDs as indicated in the attached revised Background and Grant Allocation Information.

Date: _____

Brian Napstad, Chair
Board of Water and Soil Resources

Attachment:

- A) BWSR Targeted Drainage Water Management Grants, Background and Grant Allocation Information



FY 2013 Clean Water Fund Targeted Drainage Water Management Grants Background and Grant Allocation Information



Overview

The Clean Water Fund was established to implement part of Article XI, Section 15, of the Minnesota Constitution, with the purpose of protecting, enhancing, and restoring water quality in lakes, rivers, and streams in addition to protecting ground water and drinking water sources from degradation. These funds must supplement traditional sources of funding and may not be used as a substitute to fund activities or programs. The appropriation language governing the use of these funds for FY 2013 is in Laws of Minnesota 2012, Chapter 264.

The 2012 Legislature provided an additional \$700,000 for FY 2013 to the Board of Water and Soil Resources in Chapter 264, Section 7 (d) for the Conservation Drainage Program, with a legislative intent to be used for drainage water management in coordination with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service practice standards and federal funds. The appropriation language defines a purpose for conservation practices on drainage systems that will result in water quality improvements. The appropriation language also removed a previous provision limiting use of Conservation Drainage Program funding to retrofits of existing drainage systems (i.e. funding can be used for both existing and new drainage systems). Drainage water management (DWM) includes controlled subsurface drainage, denitrifying bioreactors, nutrient management on associated acres, design and operation planning, and implementation incentives on existing and new tile drainage systems to improve water quality. BWSR Conservation Drainage Program and NRCS Environmental Quality Incentive Program funds will not be used for new pattern tile.

A rapid response is necessary due to the amount of pattern drain tile being installed in agricultural areas of Minnesota and the legislative intent for this additional funding. A competitive request for proposal (RFP) process would not enable cost-share funds to be available for use with tile installation in the fall of 2012. In order to meet the current need and legislative intent, a targeted grant process was developed. The proposed method is to identify a number of LGUs based on the LGU area having high tiling activity, cropland with slopes less than 2% that is suitable for controlled subsurface drainage, and proven LGU ability to implement practices in a timely and efficient manner.

BWSR Clean Water Fund Grants Policies

This targeted drainage water management grants program will utilize the same BWSR policies as will be used for the FY 2013 Clean Water Fund competitive grants.

Determination of Grantees and Recommended Funding Allocation

Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Counties, Watershed Districts, Water Management Organizations and JPBs of these local government units were considered as eligible grantees.

Preference was given to organizations containing multiple LGUs. Eligibility criteria for the FY13 Clean Water Fund grants apply.

Figure 1 is a map of the state showing areas with 0-1% slopes and 1-2% slopes and in agricultural crop production.

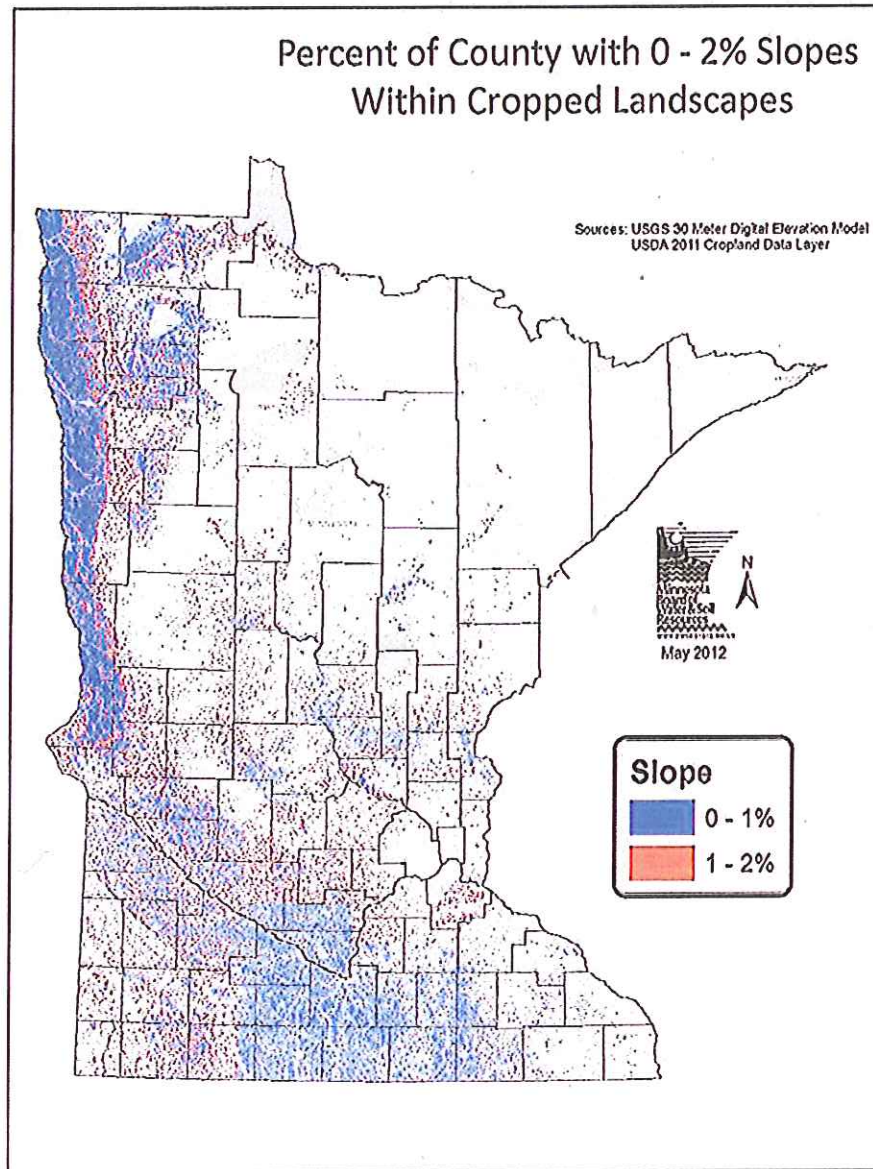


Figure 1

Further processing of the data resulted in the creation of Figure 2, showing a county by county percentage of agricultural land suitable for drainage water management.

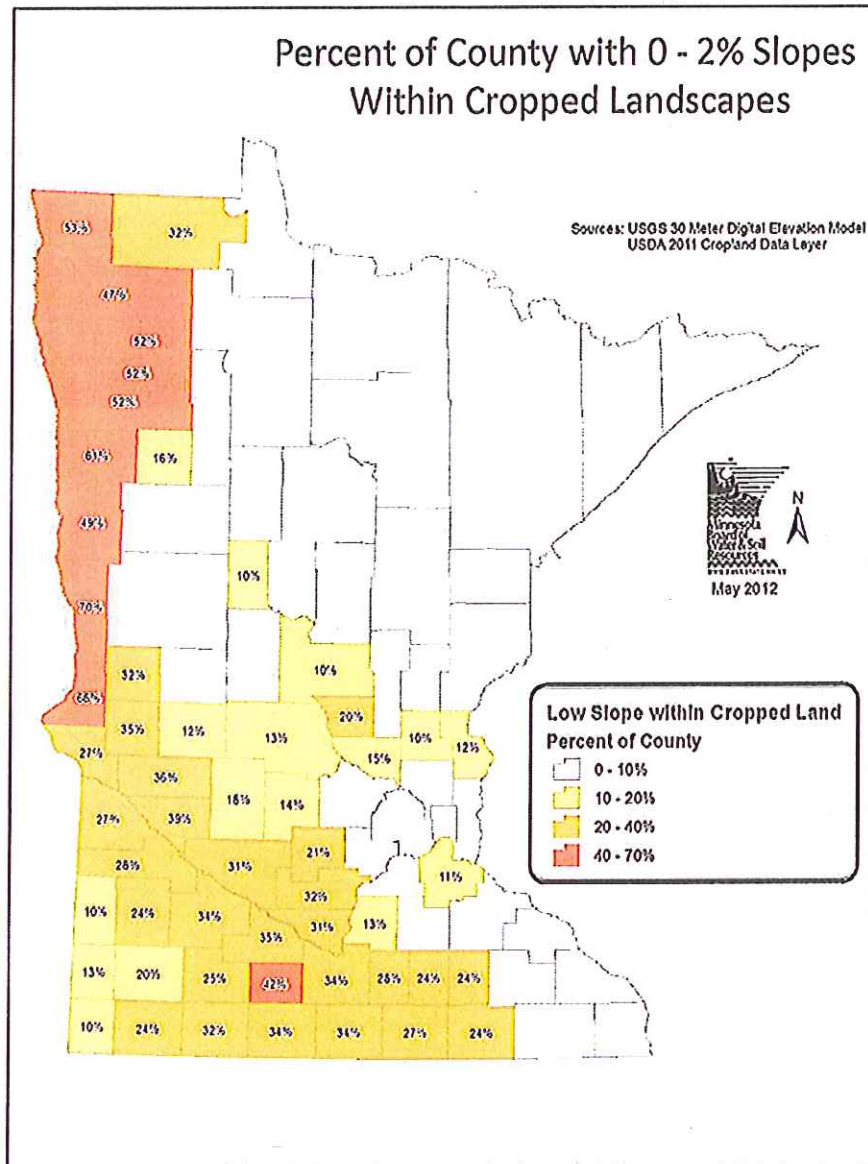


Figure 2

After establishing the likely areas of the state for DWM, Regional Supervisors, Board Conservationists and Clean Water Specialists working in the areas of the state suitable for DWM were consulted to determine which LGUs were good candidates for the targeted grants along with geographic distribution. From these discussions, a list of eight LGUs was developed. Initial telephone calls were made to the managers of the eight organizations to determine interest. One LGU being considered declined, with the other seven all very interested.

Once interest was determined, the LGUs were asked to estimate how much need they had in their area of work for DWM. The response was great, with most LGUs indicating they could use more funds than are available. BWSR staff then gauged the LGU's interest along with the amount of tiling activity, suitable land area within the LGU's boundary and proven

implementation ability to determine the funds allocation. Figure 3 was developed to show the percentage of agricultural land within each LGU's area suitable for DWM.

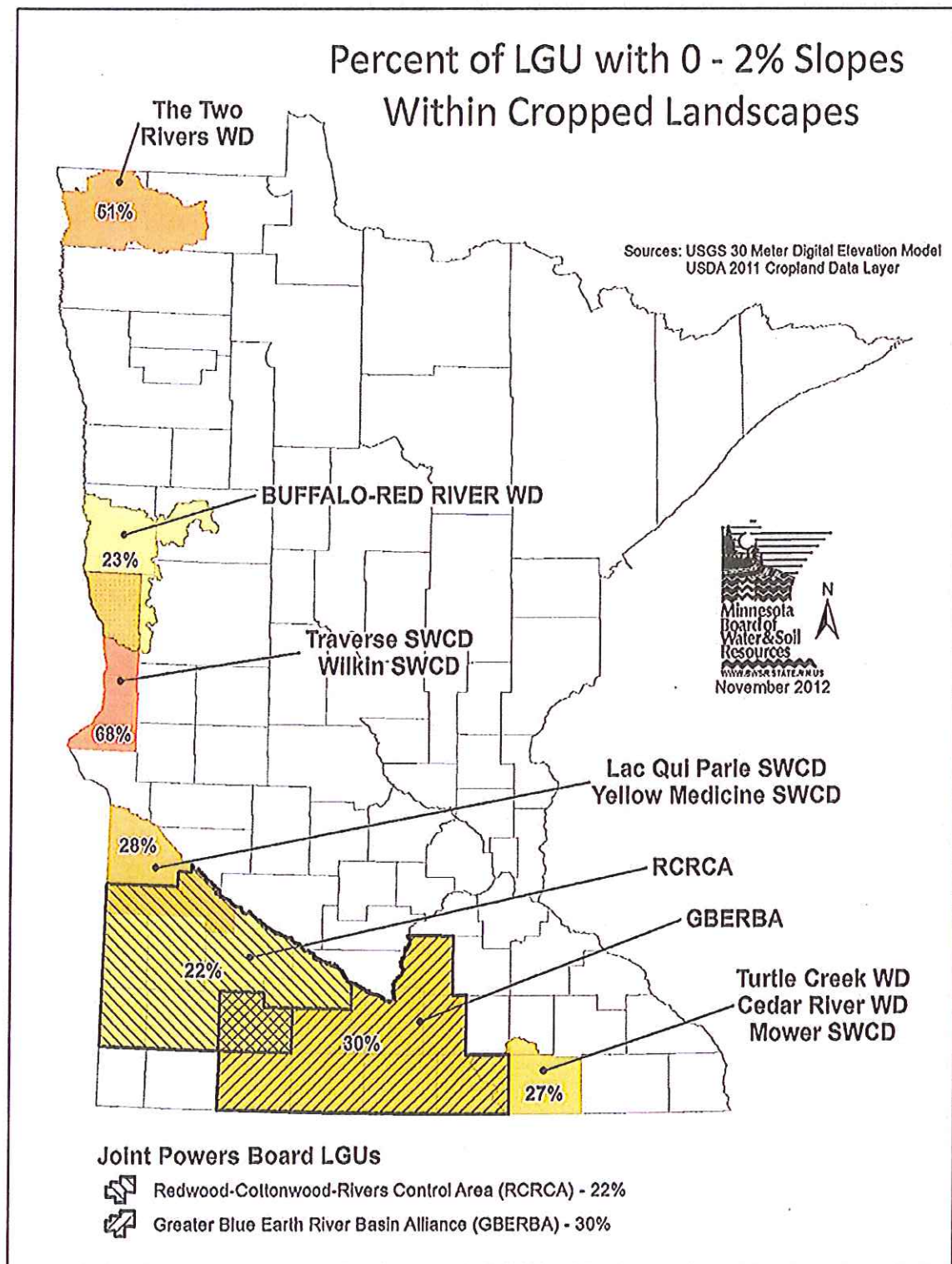


Figure 3

The following is a summary of the recommended grantees and a recommendation for allocation of funds:

Traverse SWCD, Wilkin SWCD Partnership	\$170,000.00
GBERBA (Greater Blue Earth River Basin Alliance)	\$170,000.00
Mower SWCD, Cedar River Watershed District, Turtle Creek Watershed District Partnership	\$100,000.00
RCRCA (Redwood Cottonwood River Control Area)	\$100,000.00
Buffalo Red River Watershed District	\$70,000.00
Lac qui Parle SWCD, Yellow Medicine SWCD Partnership	\$60,000.00
Two Rivers Watershed District	\$30,000.00
Total	\$700,000.00

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Wetlands Committee

1. Executive Order 12-04: Supporting and Strengthening Implementation of the State's Wetland Policy – Dave Weirens and Les Lemm – ***DECISION ITEM***
2. Wetland Banking Fee Policy Update – Dave Weirens – ***DECISION ITEM***
3. 2013 Local Road Wetland Replacement Program Project Selection Process – Ken Powell – ***DECISION ITEM***



BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA ITEM TITLE:

Executive Order 12-04: Supporting And Strengthening Implementation Of The State's Wetland Policy

Meeting Date: December 12, 2012

Agenda Category: ☒ Committee Recommendation ☐ New Business ☐ Old Business
Item Type: ☒ Decision ☐ Discussion ☐ Information
Section/Region: Land and Water Section
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Attachments: ☒ Resolution ☐ Order ☐ Map ☐ Other Supporting Information

Fiscal/Policy Impact

- ☒ None ☐ General Fund Budget
☐ Amended Policy Requested ☐ Capital Budget
☐ New Policy Requested ☐ Outdoor Heritage Fund Budget
☐ Other: ☐ Clean Water Fund Budget

ACTION REQUESTED

The Board is requested to accept the Executive Order 12-04 Report and authorize staff to forward it to the Office of Governor Dayton.

LINKS TO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

http://bwsr.state.mn.us/wetlands/executive_order_12-04/

SUMMARY (Consider: history, reason for consideration now, alternatives evaluated, basis for recommendation)

Governor Mark Dayton issued Executive Order 12-04 on May 3, 2012 which directed BWSR to evaluate "how to maintain No Net Loss of Wetland as a State goal under the Wetland Conservation Act and to further advance the long-term protection and enhancement of Minnesota's wetland resources" in cooperation with the Departments of Agriculture, Natural Resources, Transportation and the Pollution Control Agency and with the invited participation of stakeholders by December 15, 2012.

A plan to implement the Order was developed that included a series of meetings designed to gather input from a variety of stakeholders and worked with a team of staff from the above state agencies. Staff evaluated the input provided by stakeholders and developed a series of wetland policy recommendations organized in seven categories that are included in the report "Executive Order 12-04: Supporting and Strengthening Implementation of the State's Wetland Policy, December 2012".

The Wetland Committee met on September 26, 2012 to review the Order and the process that will be used to comply with it. The Committee initially reviewed the draft report on November 28, 2012, and is scheduled to meet on December 11, 2012 to complete this review and make a recommendation to the Board. A final draft report will be provided at the December 12, 2012 Board meeting, however, the current draft along with supporting materials are on the BWSR website: http://bwsr.state.mn.us/wetlands/executive_order_12-04/.

Board Resolution # _____

**EXECUTIVE ORDER 12-04: SUPPORTING AND STRENGTHENING IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE STATE'S WETLAND POLICY**

Report

WHEREAS, Governor Mark Dayton issued Executive Order 12-04 on May 3, 2012; and

WHEREAS, by this Order BWSR was directed to evaluate "how to maintain No Net Loss of Wetland as a State goal under the Wetland Conservation Act and to further advance the long-term protection and enhancement of Minnesota's wetland resources" in cooperation with the Departments of Agriculture, Natural Resources, Transportation and the Pollution Control Agency and with the invited participation of stakeholders by December 15, 2012; and

WHEREAS, BWSR developed and implemented a plan to implement the Order that included a series of meetings designed to gather input from a variety of stakeholders and worked with a team of staff from the Departments of Agriculture, Natural Resources, Transportation and the Pollution Control Agency; and

WHEREAS, staff evaluated the input provided by stakeholders and developed a series of wetland policy recommendations organized in the following categories that are included in the report "Executive Order 12-04: Supporting and Strengthening Implementation of the State's Wetland Policy, December 2012":

- De minimis Exemption;
- Alignment of Pre-settlement Zones on Watershed Boundaries;
- Consistent Review, Approval and Implementation;
- Adequacy of Wetland Bank Program Funding;
- Costs and Benefits of Wetland Mitigation Targeted to Specific Watershed;
- Strategic Use of Funding Sources to Achieve Continued Restoration of Drained Wetlands; and
- Other Issues – No Net Loss and Agricultural Drainage; and

WHEREAS, the Wetland Committee reviewed the draft report on November 28, 2012 and December 11, 2012.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources accepts the draft report and authorizes staff to forward it to Governor Dayton.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources will work with partner agencies to prioritize the Report's recommendations and authorizes staff to pursue implementation strategies for the prioritized recommendations.

Date: _____

Brian Napstad, Chair
Board of Water and Soil Resources



BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA ITEM TITLE:

**Wetland Banking Fee:
Update Calculated Wetland Credit Fee Schedule**

Meeting Date: December 12, 2012

Agenda Category: ☒ Committee Recommendation ☐ New Business ☐ Old Business
Item Type: ☒ Decision ☐ Discussion ☐ Information
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Fiscal/Policy Impact

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| <input type="checkbox"/> New Policy Requested | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Heritage Fund Budget |
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ACTION REQUESTED

The Board is requested to adopt the recommendation of the Wetland Committee to amend the wetland banking fee policy by updating the calculated wetland credit values

LINKS TO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

SUMMARY *(Consider: history, reason for consideration now, alternatives evaluated, basis for recommendation)*

Statute requires the Board to collect fees to support the administration of the wetland banking program. Fees are paid by wetland bank account holders when they establish an account, deposit and transfer credits, when credits are withdrawn, and annually to maintain the accounts. The fees for withdrawal of credits are based on the value of the credits. Account holders have the option of using the actual sale value of the credits or the calculated values provided by the Board. The basis of these calculated values are land value data provided by the Department of Revenue, which are collected annually, and in turn used annually by BWSR staff to ensure these values are up to date.

Board Resolution # 12-

Wetland Banking Fee: Update Calculated Wetland Credit Fee Schedule

WHEREAS, BWSR is directed pursuant to Minn. Stat. 103G.2242, Subd. 14 and 15 to collect fees for administering the state wetland bank program; and,

WHEREAS, BWSR Board action 03-93 established the Wetland Banking Fee Policy, which included use of the average agricultural land values (as provided by the Minnesota Department of Revenue) as the basis for determining credit values for purposes of assessing the fee; and,

WHEREAS, BWSR Board action 07-88 updated the previous policy by taking the 2006 tillable land value multiplied by the wetland credit value coefficient of 6.0, with a maximum increase of 75% over the values established in Board action #03-93; and,

WHEREAS, BWSR Board action 08-113 updated the wetland credit calculated values by taking the 2008 tillable land values, seasonal recreational land values, or green acres values, multiplied by the wetland credit value coefficient of 6.0, with a maximum increase of 75% over the values established in Board action #07-88; and,

WHEREAS, BWSR Board action 11-09 updated the wetland credit calculated values by taking the 2010 tillable land values, rural/vacant land values when the ratio of tillable acres to rural/vacant acres is less than 20%, or the average of the before and after deferral green acres values, multiplied by the wetland credit value coefficient of 6.0, with a maximum increase of 75% over the values established in Board action # 08-113; and,

WHEREAS, BWSR Board action 11-98 updated the wetland credit calculated values by taking the 2011 tillable land values, rural/vacant land values when the ratio of tillable acres to rural/vacant acres is less than 20%, or the average of the before and after deferral green acres values, multiplied by the wetland credit value coefficient of 6.0, with a maximum increase of 75% over the values established in Board action # 11-09; and,

WHEREAS, staff are proposing the current wetland credit calculated values be updated by applying the 2012 land values to the existing fee formula as established in Board Action 11-98; and,

WHEREAS, account holders have the option to reduce the fee by reporting actual sales value on a withdrawal application along with a signed purchase agreement or other proof of payment; and,

WHEREAS, the Wetland Committee reviewed the calculated values on November 28, 2012 and is recommending updating these values for purposes of calculating wetland banking fees and publishing a fee schedule.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the BWSR update the wetland credit values by using:

- the 2012 tillable land values, or
- rural/vacant land values when the ratio of tillable acres to rural/vacant acres is less than 20%, or
- the average of the before and after deferral green acres values.

These values are multiplied by the wetland credit value coefficient of 6.0, with a maximum increase of 75% over the values established in Board action 11-98 as indicated on the attached Fee Schedule.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this revised policy is effective on January 1, 2013 and applies to wetland bank credit sales made after this date.

Date: _____

Brian Napstad, Chair
Board of Water and Soil Resources

Attachments:

1. 2013 Calculated Values for Wetland Bank Fee Determination Spreadsheet
2. 2013 Wetland Credit Fee Schedule

Wetland Banking Fee Policy: Update Calculated Wetland Credit Values

November 28, 2012

Background.

Minnesota Statutes 103G.2242, Subds. 14 and 15, require the Board of Water and Soil Resources to collect fees for administering the state wetland banking program.

The statute reads:

Subd. 14. Fees established. (a) Fees must be assessed for managing wetland bank accounts and transactions as follows:

(1) account maintenance annual fee: one percent of the value of credits not to exceed \$500;

(2) account establishment, deposit, or transfer: 6.5 percent of the value of credits not to exceed \$1,000 per establishment, deposit, or transfer; and

(3) withdrawal fee: 6.5 percent of the value of credits withdrawn.

(b) The board may establish fees at or below the amounts in paragraph (a) for single-user or other dedicated wetland banking accounts.

(c) Fees for single-user or other dedicated wetland banking accounts established pursuant to section 103G.005, subdivision 10e, clause (4), are limited to establishment of a wetland banking account and are assessed at the rate of 6.5 percent of the value of the credits not to exceed \$1,000.

Subd. 15. Fees paid to board.

All fees established in subdivisions 9 and 14 must be paid to the Board of Water and Soil Resources and are annually appropriated to the board for the purpose of administration of the wetland bank and to process appeals under section 103G.2242, subdivision 9.

Description of Wetland Bank Fee Policy and determination and use of the Calculated Values. (from the existing policy available on the BWSR website)

The fee structure and procedures described in Part III were implemented beginning Jan. 1, 2004, and are subject to regular evaluation and change.

III. Fee Structure and Procedures

A. Account Establishment and Deposit Fees.

B. Account Maintenance Fee.

C. Account Transfer Fee.

D. Withdrawal Fee.

The 2013 values will go into effect for wetland bank credit sales made after January 1, 2013. A signed / dated copy of the purchase agreement must accompany applications received after that date if alternate values are used to calculate fees. The policy provisions on determining the value of the credits are shown below.

E. Value of Credits. The value of wetland credits for the purpose of assessing fees will be determined as follows:

1. Credit Value (\$/acre) = Avg. (a) tillable land values (\$/acre), or (b) rural/vacant land values (\$/acre) when the ratio of tillable acres to rural/vacant acres is less than 20% in the county where the bank is located, or (c) the average of the before and after deferral green acres values (\$/acre), in the county where the bank is located x Wetland Credit Value Coefficient (currently 6.0).

The Wetland Credit Value Coefficient reflects the value added to the land by the wetland credits. It is determined by BWSR based on the average ratio of credit sale price to county land value for credits that BWSR has purchased from existing bank accounts statewide. The current coefficient is based on credit sales from 1999-2007. This coefficient will be updated by BWSR Board Policy to reflect recent wetland credit market values. For the purposes of the formula above, the 2012 tillable land values, 2012 rural/vacant land values when the ratio of tillable acres to rural/vacant acres is less than 20%, or the average of the 2012 before and after deferral green acres values, multiplied by the wetland credit value coefficient of 6.0. All land value data is provided by the Minnesota Department of Revenue. Increases are limited to 75% of the previous value.

2. For determining withdrawal or transfer fees, account holders may present other evidence to BWSR demonstrating the value of credits, such as actual sales values. When using actual sales data to determine credit values, account holders will be required to submit to BWSR actual bills of sale as documentation.

The Calculated Wetland Value spreadsheet (attached) uses the tillable land value, the rural/vacant land value, and green acres land value data from the Minnesota Department of Revenue. The preferred data for calculating these values are tillable land. However, for some counties the tillable land base is inadequate or nonexistent. For a number of northern counties, the rural/vacant land value is used. For Hennepin and Ramsey Counties, the average of the before and after deferral Green Acres values are used. The policy adopted in 2007 limits the increase to 75%. The attached listing includes only one county that exceeds this threshold: Ramsey County.

Proposed 2013 Calculated Values for Wetland Bank Fee Determination.

November 28, 2012

Table Legend.

The data in Columns 2, 3, 4, 5 was provided by the Department of Revenue based on county data.

Column 1: County Name.

Column 2: Tillable Acreage. Total number of acres of land classified as tillable in each county.

Column 3: Tillable \$/acre. Average value of an acre of tillable land in each county.

Column 4: Rural/Vacant Acreage. Total number of acres of land classified as rural/vacant in each county.

Column 5: Rural/Vacant \$. Average value of an acre of rural/vacant land in each county.

Column 6: % Tillable vs. Rural/Vacant. The percent of tillable land as compared to rural/vacant land. For counties that have a percentage of less than 20%, the rural/vacant average land value is used for determining the calculated value (numbers shaded in pink). Counties that are above 20% use the tillable average value.

Column 7: 2013 Calculated Value. The 2013 calculated value is determined by multiplying 6 (the Wetland Credit Value Coefficient) by either the tillable or vacant/rural value as provided in Column 6 (except for Hennepin and Ramsey Counties).

Column 8: 2012 Value. The 2012 Calculated Values as approved by the Board on December 14, 2011.

Column 9: % Change from 2012. This column presents the percent change in the calculated values from 2012 to 2013. In prior years the Board has capped increases at 75% above the previous year's values. No counties reached this threshold this year.

Column 10: Fee cost per credit. This column shows the fee cost per credit by multiplying the 2013 Calculated Values in column 7 by the fee amount (6.5%).

Proposed 2013 Calculated Values for Wetland Bank Fee Determination ¹

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
County Name	Tillable Acreage	Tillable \$/Acre	Rural/ Vacant Acreage	Rural/ Vacant \$/Acre	% Tillable vs Rural/ Vacant	2013 Calc Value	2012 Value	% Change from 2012	Fee Cost per Credit
Aitkin^	15,759	\$1,075	359,433	\$1,303	4%	\$7,820	\$7,943	-2%	\$508
Anoka	30,248	\$7,542	22,812	\$2,559	133%	\$45,253	\$52,431	-14%	\$2,941
Becker	250,771	\$2,245	215,559	\$1,388	116%	\$13,467	\$11,852	14%	\$875
Beltrami	118,507	\$846	224,296	\$1,127	53%	\$5,079	\$4,991	2%	\$330
Benton	125,482	\$2,638	54,714	\$1,728	229%	\$15,829	\$15,831	0%	\$1,029
Big Stone	245,579	\$3,282	26,250	\$831	936%	\$19,693	\$16,236	21%	\$1,280
Blue Earth	360,149	\$5,665	38,510	\$2,052	935%	\$33,990	\$28,713	18%	\$2,209
Brown	311,973	\$5,809	7,035	\$860	4435%	\$34,856	\$28,278	23%	\$2,266
Carlton^	124	\$1,289	197,816	\$1,066	0%	\$6,399	\$6,752	-5%	\$416
Carver	116,368	\$6,739	9,659	\$3,417	1205%	\$40,435	\$38,461	5%	\$2,628
Cass^	55,114	\$1,519	293,289	\$1,955	19%	\$11,732	\$11,875	-1%	\$763
Chippewa	303,003	\$5,043	7,653	\$1,161	3959%	\$30,256	\$23,521	29%	\$1,967
Chisago	79,376	\$2,689	43,534	\$1,688	182%	\$16,131	\$16,563	-3%	\$1,049
Clay	496,216	\$2,916	36,261	\$969	1368%	\$17,498	\$14,326	22%	\$1,137
Clearwater	100,032	\$829	92,917	\$970	108%	\$4,976	\$4,982	0%	\$323
Cook^	0		56,035	\$3,192	0%	\$19,153	\$22,444	-15%	\$1,245
Cottonwood	363,875	\$5,396	7,483	\$951	4863%	\$32,378	\$25,900	25%	\$2,105
Crow Wing^	38,508	\$1,922	261,730	\$1,752	15%	\$10,509	\$11,569	-9%	\$683
Dakota	161,179	\$6,440	18,828	\$5,167	856%	\$38,643	\$37,224	4%	\$2,512
Dodge	229,285	\$5,607	12,095	\$2,521	1896%	\$33,644	\$28,115	20%	\$2,187
Douglas	192,348	\$2,118	80,073	\$2,076	240%	\$12,709	\$12,720	0%	\$826
Faribault	391,975	\$5,331	16,268	\$1,085	2409%	\$31,984	\$28,561	12%	\$2,079
Fillmore	332,559	\$4,755	58,485	\$2,199	569%	\$28,530	\$22,525	27%	\$1,854
Freeborn	370,222	\$5,233	1,600	\$1,410	23139%	\$31,397	\$27,051	16%	\$2,041
Goodhue	313,509	\$4,874	49,484	\$1,410	634%	\$29,242	\$26,077	12%	\$1,901
Grant	263,194	\$2,800	12,576	\$1,172	2093%	\$16,799	\$15,889	6%	\$1,092
Hennepin*	35,784	\$21,458	12,722	\$11,438	281%	\$81,012	\$86,656	-7%	\$5,266
Houston	160,963	\$3,533	143,158	\$2,145	112%	\$21,201	\$18,231	16%	\$1,378
Hubbard	56,640	\$2,216	177,784	\$1,618	32%	\$13,295	\$12,100	10%	\$864
Isanti	97,975	\$3,211	65,455	\$1,615	150%	\$19,267	\$20,893	-8%	\$1,252
Itasca^	28,166	\$1,430	567,469	\$1,325	5%	\$7,949	\$8,510	-7%	\$517
Jackson	374,866	\$5,969	6,828	\$1,340	5490%	\$35,817	\$28,649	25%	\$2,328
Kanabec	66,823	\$1,447	153,014	\$1,234	44%	\$8,684	\$8,976	-3%	\$564
Kandiyohi	350,878	\$4,618	51,587	\$1,498	680%	\$27,706	\$22,584	23%	\$1,801
Kittson	462,900	\$1,312	128,592	\$467	360%	\$7,872	\$6,631	19%	\$512
Koochiching^	6,519	\$691	362,295	\$619	2%	\$3,712	\$3,725	0%	\$241
Lac Qui Parle	381,679	\$3,524	7,477	\$998	5105%	\$21,143	\$18,457	15%	\$1,374
Lake^	611	\$1,502	192,304	\$1,637	0%	\$9,819	\$11,589	-15%	\$638
Lake/Woods	71,964	\$638	130,264	\$624	55%	\$3,827	\$3,813	0%	\$249
Le Sueur	194,589	\$5,709	25,358	\$4,629	767%	\$34,253	\$29,063	18%	\$2,226
Lincoln	272,635	\$3,940	10,200	\$558	2673%	\$23,640	\$19,914	19%	\$1,537
Lyon	388,768	\$5,059	12,682	\$1,279	3066%	\$30,356	\$24,843	22%	\$1,973
Mahnomen	161,982	\$1,762	71,468	\$612	227%	\$10,572	\$8,965	18%	\$687
Marshall	809,990	\$1,413	100,106	\$553	809%	\$8,476	\$6,949	22%	\$551
Martin	389,692	\$6,217	104			\$37,299	\$29,797	25%	\$2,424
McLeod	229,764	\$5,087	22,857	\$1,921	1005%	\$30,523	\$27,836	10%	\$1,984
Meeker	269,505	\$4,037	42,098	\$1,631	640%	\$24,224	\$21,490	13%	\$1,575
Mille Lacs	67,776	\$2,211	130,764	\$1,062	52%	\$13,268	\$12,622	5%	\$862
Morrison	215,779	\$2,634	130,567	\$1,258	165%	\$15,803	\$15,488	2%	\$1,027
Mower	381,985	\$5,306	12,317	\$1,743	3101%	\$31,834	\$26,167	22%	\$2,069
Murray	386,574	\$4,915	20,444	\$567	1891%	\$29,491	\$24,015	23%	\$1,917

Proposed 2013 Calculated Values for Wetland Bank Fee Determination ¹

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Nicollet	213,172	\$6,495	10,371	\$1,707	2055%	\$38,971	\$31,512	24%	\$2,533
Nobles	398,343	\$5,880	27,395	\$1,044	1454%	\$35,279	\$27,883	27%	\$2,293
Norman	460,108	\$2,386	36,365	\$562	1265%	\$14,318	\$11,321	26%	\$931
Olmsted	230,520	\$4,594	43,224	\$3,223	533%	\$27,563	\$24,758	11%	\$1,792
Otter Tail	535,364	\$1,858	345,379	\$2,162	155%	\$11,147	\$10,908	2%	\$725
Pennington	294,134	\$1,064	54,574	\$511	539%	\$6,385	\$5,113	25%	\$415
Pine	108,987	\$1,490	425,949	\$1,000	26%	\$8,938	\$9,374	-5%	\$581
Pipestone	232,819	\$4,687	53	\$2,712	439281%	\$28,122	\$23,040	22%	\$1,828
Polk	950,091	\$2,025	110,463	\$729	860%	\$12,149	\$10,414	17%	\$790
Pope	266,923	\$2,743	84,554	\$1,107	316%	\$16,456	\$14,502	13%	\$1,070
Ramsey*	175	\$62,974	0			\$198,961	\$238,310	-17%	\$12,932
Red Lake	218,777	\$1,016	30,795	\$723	710%	\$6,098	\$5,447	12%	\$396
Redwood	472,825	\$5,845	8,899	\$1,040	5313%	\$35,072	\$28,476	23%	\$2,280
Renville	530,811	\$6,180	13,595	\$1,000	3904%	\$37,083	\$29,733	25%	\$2,410
Rice	195,360	\$5,406	46,186	\$2,996	423%	\$32,436	\$28,378	14%	\$2,108
Rock	248,597	\$6,464	84	\$2,338	295949%	\$38,784	\$31,025	25%	\$2,521
Roseau	504,205	\$721	157,399	\$589	320%	\$4,325	\$3,557	22%	\$281
Scott	81,514	\$7,679	20,862	\$5,364	391%	\$46,074	\$43,866	5%	\$2,995
Sherburne	67,851	\$4,259	43,417	\$2,708	156%	\$25,554	\$26,110	-2%	\$1,661
Sibley	296,638	\$5,686	42,938	\$1,238	691%	\$34,117	\$28,581	19%	\$2,218
St Louis [^]	35,966	\$913	1,099,615	\$967	3%	\$5,803	\$6,099	-5%	\$377
Stearns	488,312	\$3,235	56,223	\$2,641	869%	\$19,408	\$18,731	4%	\$1,262
Steele	210,505	\$5,022	26,729	\$1,223	788%	\$30,130	\$24,961	21%	\$1,958
Stevens	307,641	\$3,671	2,158	\$2,284	14256%	\$22,023	\$18,328	20%	\$1,432
Swift	389,603	\$3,876	17,748	\$819	2195%	\$23,256	\$20,012	16%	\$1,512
Todd	247,070	\$1,534	184,769	\$1,198	134%	\$9,204	\$9,128	1%	\$598
Traverse	333,664	\$3,603	10,418	\$925	3203%	\$21,618	\$17,951	20%	\$1,405
Wabasha	212,929	\$4,142	78,227	\$2,192	272%	\$24,854	\$21,327	17%	\$1,615
Wadena	85,458	\$1,596	160,183	\$994	53%	\$9,576	\$8,396	14%	\$622
Waseca	235,229	\$5,179	9,852	\$1,207	2388%	\$31,074	\$27,435	13%	\$2,020
Washington	53,782	\$11,716	31,652	\$7,776	170%	\$70,297	\$73,689	-5%	\$4,569
Watsonwan	242,523	\$5,445	10,066	\$632	2409%	\$32,671	\$26,136	25%	\$2,124
Willkin	426,387	\$2,937	6,995	\$747	6096%	\$17,623	\$16,447	7%	\$1,146
Winona	172,733	\$3,992	124,380	\$2,278	139%	\$23,950	\$21,623	11%	\$1,557
Wright	199,432	\$5,202	65,201	\$2,991	306%	\$31,212	\$30,901	1%	\$2,029
Yellow Medicine	394,235	\$4,864	10,056	\$1,018	3920%	\$29,182	\$23,776	23%	\$1,897

GREEN ACRE VALUES								
	\$/acre before deferral	\$/acre after deferral	Average before & after \$/acre	Green Acre acreage	Calculated value (average *6)			
Hennepin	\$21,804	\$5,200	\$13,502	23,368	\$81,012			
Ramsey	\$61,713	\$4,607	\$33,160	171	\$198,961			

¹ Land value and acreage data is provided by the Minnesota Dept. of Revenue

[^] County calculated values that are based on Rural/Vacant land value when the ratio of Tillable acres is less than 20% of the Rural/Vacant acres.

* County calculated values based on Green Acres land values.

**Wetland Credit Fee Schedule
2013**

County Name	Fee cost per credit	County Name	Fee cost per credit
Aitkin^	\$508	Martin	\$2,424
Anoka	\$2,941	McLeod	\$1,984
Becker	\$875	Meeker	\$1,575
Beltrami	\$330	Mille Lacs	\$862
Benton	\$1,029	Morrison	\$1,027
Big Stone	\$1,280	Mower	\$2,069
Blue Earth	\$2,209	Murray	\$1,917
Brown	\$2,266	Nicollet	\$2,533
Carlton^	\$416	Nobles	\$2,293
Carver	\$2,628	Norman	\$931
Cass^	\$763	Olmsted	\$1,792
Chippewa	\$1,967	Otter Tail	\$725
Chisago	\$1,049	Pennington	\$415
Clay	\$1,137	Pine	\$581
Clearwater	\$323	Pipestone	\$1,828
Cook^	\$1,245	Polk	\$790
Cottonwood	\$2,105	Pope	\$1,070
Crow Wing^	\$683	Ramsey*	\$12,932
Dakota	\$2,512	Red Lake	\$396
Dodge	\$2,187	Redwood	\$2,280
Douglas	\$826	Renville	\$2,410
Faribault	\$2,079	Rice	\$2,108
Fillmore	\$1,854	Rock	\$2,521
Freeborn	\$2,041	Roseau	\$281
Goodhue	\$1,901	Scott	\$2,995
Grant	\$1,092	Sherburne	\$1,661
Hennepin*	\$5,266	Sibley	\$2,218
Houston	\$1,378	St Louis^	\$377
Hubbard	\$864	Stearns	\$1,262
Isanti	\$1,252	Steele	\$1,958
Itasca^	\$517	Stevens	\$1,432
Jackson	\$2,328	Swift	\$1,512
Kanabec	\$564	Todd	\$598
Kandiyohi	\$1,801	Traverse	\$1,405
Kittson	\$512	Wabasha	\$1,615
Koochiching^	\$241	Wadena	\$622
Lac Qui Parle	\$1,374	Waseca	\$2,020
Lake^	\$638	Washington	\$4,569
Lake/Woods	\$249	Watonwan	\$2,124
Le Sueur	\$2,226	Wilkin	\$1,146
Lincoln	\$1,537	Winona	\$1,557
Lyon	\$1,973	Wright	\$2,029
Mahnomen	\$687	Yellow Medicine	\$1,897
Marshall	\$551		

^ Values are based on Rural/Vacant land value when the ratio of Tillable acres is less than 20% of the Rural/Vacant acres.

* Values are based on Green Acres land values.

NOTE: The fees above are based on Department of Revenue data and estimated added value provided by enrollment in the wetland bank system. Fees may vary based on actual sale price if a transaction application is accompanied by a signed purchase agreement or other proof of payment.



BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA ITEM TITLE:

2013 Local Road Wetland Replacement Program Project Selection Process

Meeting Date: December 12, 2012

Agenda Category: ☒ Committee Recommendation ☐ New Business ☐ Old Business
Item Type: ☒ Decision ☐ Discussion ☐ Information
Section/Region: Land & Water
Contact: Ken Powell, Wetland Bank Coordinator
Prepared by: Ken Powell
Reviewed by: Wetland Committee(s)
Presented by: Ken Powell

☐ Audio/Visual Equipment Needed for Agenda Item Presentation

Attachments: ☒ Resolution ☐ Order ☐ Map ☒ Other Supporting Information

Fiscal/Policy Impact

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| <input type="checkbox"/> None | <input type="checkbox"/> General Fund Budget |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Amended Policy Requested | <input type="checkbox"/> Capital Budget |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Policy Requested | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Heritage Fund Budget |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Clean Water Fund Budget |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Bond Funds</u> | |

ACTION REQUESTED

Adopt resolution authorizing staff to develop and implement the Local Road Wetland Replacement Program project selection process in 2013.

LINKS TO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

SUMMARY *(Consider: history, reason for consideration now, alternatives evaluated, basis for recommendation)*

BWSR has been charged by the Legislature to generate wetland replacement credits for use by local public transportation authorities to satisfy wetland replacement requirements of the Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. The local road wetland replacement program (LRWRP) provides wetland credits for local public transportation authorities that follow specified notification procedures and have qualifying projects. To generate wetland replacement credits, BWSR typically receives a bonding appropriation to restore wetlands and generate wetland replacement credits. Six million dollars in bonding money was allocated to BWSR in 2012 for the LRWRP. This resolution provides authorization for staff to develop a project selection process to utilize the bonding money to meet the program purpose.

Board Resolution # _____

Local Road Wetland Replacement Program 2013 Project Selection Process

WHEREAS the Legislature appropriated \$6 million to the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) in 2012 for the local road wetland replacement program; and

WHEREAS the BWSR has been charged with generating wetland replacement credits for use by local public transportation authorities to satisfy wetland replacement requirements of the Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) under Minnesota Rules 8420.0544; and

WHEREAS BWSR strives to establish and maintain an adequate reserve of wetland credits in each bank service area over time; and

WHEREAS the BWSR has effectively utilized bonding money in the past to fund the program and produce sufficient credits to fulfill its statutory obligation; and

WHEREAS wetland banking projects have specific needs that limit the number of available projects because of wetland credit requirements under Minnesota Rules 8420; and

WHEREAS the BWSR has used two approaches for generating credits for the road program in the past: an easement program sign-up and a request for proposals (RFP) process; and

WHEREAS these two approaches have been effective in generating credits in the past; and

WHEREAS the use of two different approaches to obtain credits balances the needs of efficient wetland credit acquisition, is compatible with current BWSR staff capabilities, enhances the ability to attract good projects, and facilitates the involvement of the private sector; and

WHEREAS Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) have been effective partners in the easement program sign-up approach that involves identifying potential projects, assisting in easement acquisitions, and project implementation; and

WHEREAS the easement sign-up approach necessitates defining SWCD assistance payment rates to facilitate their necessary local participation in the program; and

WHEREAS the easement sign-up approach necessitates defining a reasonable payment rate to landowners that reflects land values while simultaneously attracting landowner interest in the program; and

WHEREAS current foreseeable wetland credit needs have been identified within bank service areas 4, 7, and 9/10 plus the 7-county metro area. This includes all or portions of the following counties: Scott,

Carver, Hennepin, Ramsey, Washington, Anoka, Isanti, Wright, Sherburne, McLeod, Meeker, Stearns, Morrison, Mille Lacs, Aitkin, Crow Wing, Kandiyohi, Douglas, Pope, Swift, Stevens, Grant, Otter Tail, Becker, Mahnommen, Crow Wing, Todd, Wilkin, Clearwater, Norman, Clay, Wilkin, Grant, Traverse, Big Stone, Lac Qui Parle, Yellow Medicine, Renville, Lincoln, Lyon, Pipestone, Murray, Cottonwood, Jackson, Martin, Faribault, Freeborn, Waseca, Blue Earth, Nicollet, Brown, Watonwan, Redwood, Sibley, Le Sueur, Dakota, Rock, Jackson, Nobles, and Rice; and

WHEREAS project selection will depend on a number of technical, economic, and public value-related criteria.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources authorizes staff to:

1. Develop and implement an easement sign-up program and a request for proposal (RFP) process to obtain projects to generate needed wetland credits.
2. Establish an easement payment rate consistent with current Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) rates with the flexibility to increase it by up to 25% on a case-by-case basis if it is justified based on the program's credit needs and criteria.
3. Establish project evaluation criteria including cost, credit yield, location, restoration feasibility, success potential, and functional benefit, and public value.
4. Establish a review team of BWSR staff and members of the wetland banking Interagency Review Team to evaluate and rank projects.

Dated at Saint Paul, Minnesota this 12th day of December, 2012.

MINNESOTA BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES

By: _____

Brian Napstad, Chair



Date: November 20, 2012

To: Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR)

From: Ken Powell, BWSR Wetland Banking Coordinator

Re: Background information regarding proposed draft resolution for 2013 local road wetland replacement program (LRWRP) project selection.

BWSR has been charged by the legislature to generate wetland replacement credits for use by local public transportation authorities to satisfy wetland replacement requirements of the Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. The LRWRP provides wetland credits for local public transportation authorities that follow specified notification procedures and have qualifying projects. To generate wetland replacement credits, BWSR typically receives a bonding appropriation to restore wetlands and generate wetland replacement credits. These wetland restorations are primarily conducted on private lands with cooperating landowners. All restorations and associated credits are processed and entered into the State wetland banking system as "road replacement banks", and all are required to be protected by a permanent wetland conservation easement specific to wetland banks. Given the uncertainty and variability of wetland replacement needs associated with qualifying transportation projects, BWSR strives to keep a healthy surplus of wetland credits in each bank service area (see map). Having readily available wetland credits allows public road projects to move forward more quickly and reduces overall wetland replacement requirements due to increased replacement requirements when replacement is not provided ahead of or concurrent with wetland impacts. In addition, if enough surplus credits are available, BWSR can offer those credits to public road authorities for their non-qualifying road project impacts.

Six million dollars in bonding money was allocated to BWSR in 2012 for the LRWRP. Fifteen percent of this money (\$900K) will be used for program expenses and the remaining \$5.1M is available for specific wetland banking projects. An analysis of credit status and needs was conducted to identify areas to target for credits with this 2012 bonding money. The following table shows the results of the analysis.

BSA	Credits Required ¹	Credits Available ²	Anticipated Credits ³	Reserve/Deficit	Avg. Annual Credit Use	Supply (Yrs)
1 (Great Lakes)	7	10	144	147	10.9	13.5
2 (Rainy River)	20	222	0	202	7.9	25.6
3 (Red River North)	78	740	44	706	19.7	35.8
4 (Red River South)	12	13	0	1	10.6	0
5 (Upper Mississippi North)	38	50	131	173	24.1	7.2
6 (St Croix River)	27	243	79	295	14.9	19.8
7 (Upper Mississippi South)	91	0	146	55	48.7	1.1
8 (Lower Mississippi)	10	130	16	136	8.1	16.8
9 (Minnesota River) & 10 (Missouri River)	50	25	106	81	24.9	3.3
Seven-County Metro	68	0	41	-27	21.1	0

¹Current credit needs based on pending applications

²Current credits available in the road bank

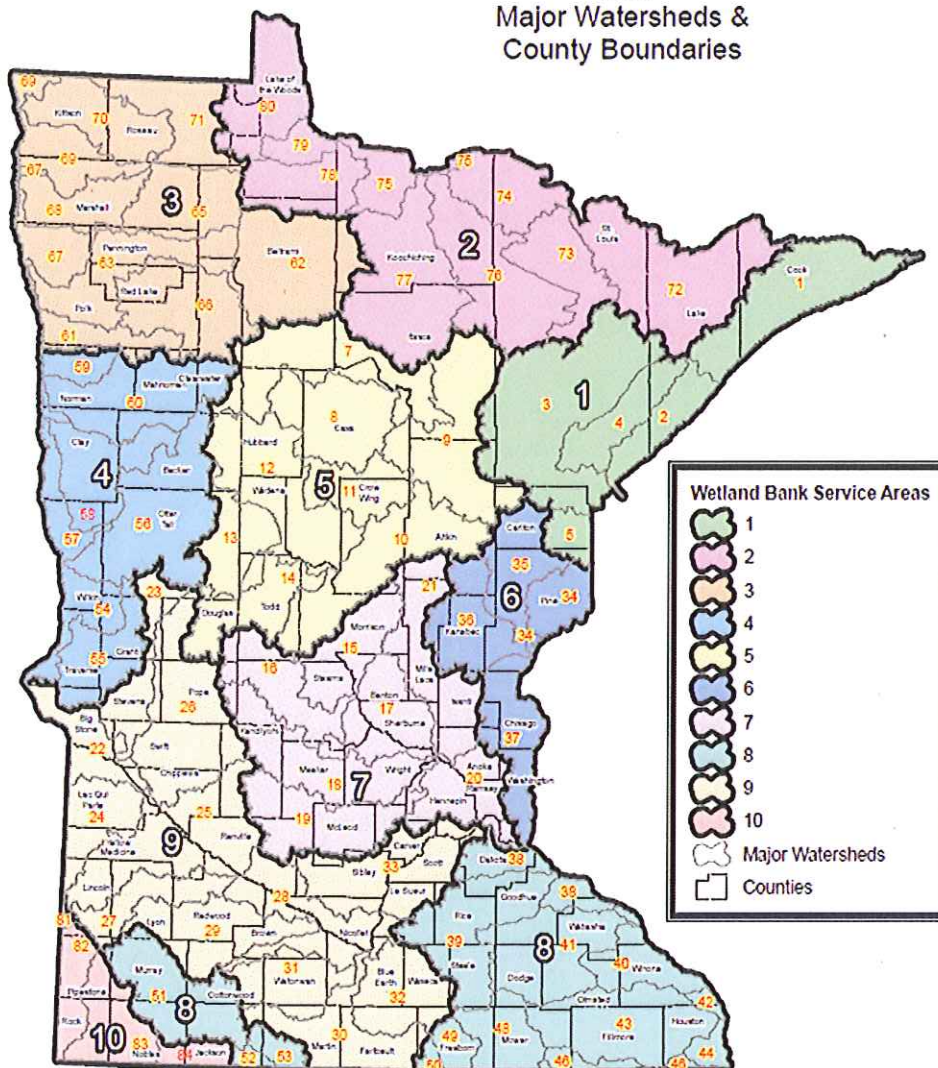
³Conservative estimate of pending credits from projects in progress

The following order of priority by BSA is based on the above table.

1. Seven County Metro
2. 4 (Red River South)
3. 7 (Upper Mississippi South)
4. 9 (Minnesota River) & 10 (Missouri River)
5. 8 (Lower Mississippi)
6. 1 (Great Lakes)
7. 5 (Upper Mississippi North)
8. 2 (Rainy River)
9. 6 (St Croix River)
10. 3 (Red River North)

Wetland Bank Service Areas

With
Major Watersheds &
County Boundaries





Since the inception of the LRWRP, BWSR has pursued different means to generate credits with bonding dollars. One method (Method 1) has been to purchase an easement from a landowner that allows for BWSR staff to design and implement a wetland restoration project. BWSR typically contracts with the local soil and water conservation district to assist, and contractors are hired by the landowner to implement the BWSR-developed plan. Contractor payments from the landowner are reimbursed by BWSR. The landowner is compensated for the cost of obtaining the easement. In some areas of the state, Method 1 tends to be the most efficient means (in terms of cost per credit) of producing wetland credit and credit generation is likely once the easement is purchased. However, this method involves a significant BWSR staff commitment and may not be an attractive option for landowners wishing to seek greater compensation for the value of the wetland credits generated on their land.

Another method (Method 2) is to send out a request for proposals (RFP) from landowners and/or other entities in partnership with landowners to submit proposed wetland restoration projects. The proposals include a cost per credit that the landowner would sell to BWSR. This method requires BWSR to enter into a contract with the landowner to purchase wetland credits at a specified price once they are generated by the landowner through project implementation. In some areas of the State this method can result in a higher cost per credit compared to Method 1. However, this method requires significantly less BWSR staff time and could potentially attract landowners willing to front the cost of project implementation in exchange for the higher payment for wetland credits as compared to the lower payment for wetland easement acres. Another advantage of this method is that it requires the involvement of consultants to design and implement projects, thereby providing an opportunity for the private sector to further develop expertise in wetland restoration design and implementation. Such expertise and experience in the private sector is needed for the successful functioning of private sector wetland banking.

The following table compares and contrasts the methods with the Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) conservation program in terms of process and responsibilities:

Major Task/Step	Method 1 (Easement Purchase)	Method 2 (Request for Proposals)	RIM
Site identification	SWCD	Landowner/Applicant	SWCD
Site Data Collection	SWCD	Landowner/Applicant	SWCD
Existing wetland status and boundaries assessment	SWCD	Landowner/Applicant	N/A
Preliminary Credit Yield Assessment	SWCD	Landowner/Applicant	N/A
Site Selection	BWSR	BWSR	BWSR
Scoping Plan	BWSR/SWCD	Landowner/Applicant	N/A
Technical Evaluation Panel Scoping Assessment	BWSR/SWCD	Landowner/Applicant	N/A
Legal Boundary Survey	SWCD	Landowner/Applicant	N/A
Easement Acquisition (working with BWSR staff)	SWCD	Landowner/Applicant	SWCD
Concept Plan	BWSR	Landowner/Applicant	BWSR
Technical Evaluation Panel Concept Plan Assessment	BWSR/SWCD	Landowner/Applicant	N/A
Complete Application	BWSR	Landowner/Applicant	N/A
Implementation	BWSR/SWCD	Landowner/Applicant	BWSR/SWCD
Construction Certification	BWSR/SWCD	Landowner/Applicant	BWSR/SWCD
Monitoring and Credit Allocation	BWSR/SWCD	Landowner/Applicant	N/A
SWCD Services Payment	\$3K/easement, \$4K max for implementation ¹	N/A	\$2K/easement, \$3K max for implementation ²
Easement Acquisition Payment Rate per Acre	RIM rate + 25% ¹	N/A	RIM rate

¹Proposed

²Current



We are again proposing two methods for generating wetland credits for the LRWRP. The target for project funding between the two identified methods is to utilize 60% of available project funding (\$3.06M) for purchasing conservation easements (Method 1) and 40% (\$2.04M) for purchasing wetland credits (at a specified price through contracts) from landowners who generate those credits via approved wetland banking projects (Method 2). This arrangement balances the needs of efficient wetland credit acquisition, working within current BWSR staffing capabilities, enhanced ability to attract good projects, and involvement of the private sector. The process to identify and evaluate potential projects is described for each method as follows. If there are insufficient proposed projects of merit utilizing one of the methods, money will be shifted to project utilizing the other method.

Conservation Easement Sign-Up (\$3.06M program funding target)

BWSR will conduct an easement application sign-up of potential wetland banking sites in BSAs 4, 7, and 9/10 plus the 7-county metro area. This sign-up will be facilitated through our local government partners, specifically Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs). SWCDs will utilize their local knowledge and expertise to identify potential wetland banking projects and willing landowner participants. SWCDs will gather site information and assist landowners in completing application materials. Payment rates (\$ per acre) for easement acquisition are proposed to follow RIM rates up to an additional 25%. The higher easement payment is justified because:

- Wetland banking projects have specific needs (e.g. ability to generate wetland credit via State and Federal wetland regulatory rules) and geographic limitations (confined to bank service areas) that limit the number of available projects as compared to RIM projects. For example, banking projects are limited to an upland/wetland area ratio of 1:1 for crediting as compared to a maximum 4:1 for RIM. This serves to eliminate a number of potential projects from banking consideration as compared to RIM. Because of this, the road replacement program is competing with conservation programs for a limited number of project sites that meet the specific credit needs. Only by offering a higher payment rate can we attract the limited landowners with sites that meet are wetland credit needs.
- In general, sites that offer the most value for wetland banking in terms of credit yield potential are those that are the most altered (i.e. with the most effective drainage) and thus the most valuable in terms of economic value (agricultural uses). Therefore, a higher payment rate is justified for many banking project sites as compared to the relatively less altered (and of relatively less economic value) RIM project sites in the same geographic area.
- Conservation easements for wetland banking have a higher level of landowner liability due to the regulatory ties to the project (wetland impacts from multiple projects will be authorized on the basis of the project success and maintenance) and the additional ability of a Federal regulatory agency (Army Corps of Engineers) to enforce easement conditions. This extra scrutiny helps justify the higher payment rate.

The sign-up period (pending BWSR Board approval) will start in early 2013 and last for 2-3 months. Prior to the sign-up period SWCDs will be provided application information, instructions, and required submittal documents. The process and submittal information will be similar to the RIM-WRP partnership sign-up. SWCDs will be encouraged to work with local landowners in putting applications together. For each successfully funded easement, the SWCD will receive a fixed payment for their services in helping secure the easement. They will also have the opportunity to receive payment for additional services they provide in project implementation. Approximate payment rates to SWCDs for services associated with selected projects will be \$3000 per easement acquired and \$1000 to \$4000 for project implementation services depending on project size and the scope of services provided. This is slightly higher



than the typical SWCD payment for projects under RIM/WRP (\$7000 versus \$5000). This higher SWCD payment is justified for the following reasons:

- Assistance with restoration projects associated with wetland banking is not strictly part of a conservation program, but is instead primarily a regulatory compliance program. Thus, the conservation mission of the SWCD is not tied to the banking program as it is to conservation grant programs like RIM. Therefore, compensation for services should better reflect the level of effort required for these banking projects to succeed.
- There are many tasks required of the SWCD to facilitate the development of wetland bank projects that are either unique to the banking program or require more effort in comparison to RIM. Some of these tasks are as follows:
 - Unlike RIM and other conservation programs, the SWCD will need to evaluate aspects of these sites such as the status of jurisdictional wetlands and potential wetland credit actions and associated credit allocation. This often involves extensive historical aerial photo review, drainage scope and effect calculations/determinations, and other technical methods.
 - Because legal surveys are required for all wetland banks, the SWCD will have increased involvement in facilitating a legal boundary survey of proposed easements.
 - In contrast to most conservation programs, establishment of a wetland bank involves a 3-step process of scoping, concept, and final plans. Each of these phases is reviewed by multiple agencies (including Army Corps of Engineers, DNR, USFWS, EPA, local government units). The SWCD will play a significant role in facilitating the development of these plans to meet multiple-agency requirements and expectations.
 - Because of the regulatory requirements of wetland banks, the SWCD will have more monitoring and documentation responsibilities to justify credit allocation.

To be eligible for selection, all applications will have to meet WCA replacement and construction standards in terms of ecological suitability, long-term sustainability, and being a true restoration. Applications will be reviewed in light of the following criteria:

1. Credit yield per easement acre
2. Functional benefit for the watershed (i.e. functional lift)
3. Wetland type in terms of rarity - extra consideration for projects that would restore wetlands that are particularly rare or rarely restored once impacted.
4. Restoration feasibility – local staff capacity to assist with implementation, vendor/contractor availability, etc.
5. Potential restoration cost – based on estimated cost of construction and materials.



In general, the review criteria will be qualitatively evaluated and placed into broad categories (high, medium, and low) based on the experience and knowledge of the review team members. An exact quantitative determination of review criteria is not possible or desirable when estimating proposed conditions.

Final project selection will weigh the rankings for each of the five review criteria and then consider those in terms of the geographic location priority list. For easement applications with similar rankings, efforts will be made to distribute selected projects evenly amongst priority areas.

Request for Proposals (\$2.04M program funding available)

Simultaneous with the easement sign-up, BWSR will solicit a request for proposals (RFP) for wetland bank projects in BSAs 4, 7, and 9 plus the 7-county metro area. Applicants will have to provide certain site and project information to be specified in the RFP. In addition, applicants will need to propose a price per credit that they are willing to sell their credits to BWSR for the road program.

For consideration all project proposals will have to meet WCA replacement and construction standards in terms of ecological suitability, long-term sustainability, and being a true restoration. Projects will be reviewed in light of the following criteria:

1. Price per credit
2. Functional benefit for the watershed (i.e. functional lift)
3. Wetland type in terms of rarity - extra consideration for projects that would restore wetlands that are particularly rare or rarely restored once impacted.
4. Chance of success – includes such aspects as qualification of identified contractors/consultants, level of technical difficulty, potential for high cost fixes, ability to justify credit allocation amounts, etc.

In general, the review criteria will be qualitatively evaluated and placed into broad categories (high, medium, and low) based on the experience and knowledge of the review team members. An exact quantitative determination of review criteria is not possible or desirable when estimating proposed conditions.

Final project selection will weigh the rankings for each of the four review criteria and then consider those in terms of the geographic location priority list. For project applications with similar rankings, efforts will be made to distribute selected projects evenly amongst priority areas.

Review Team

Projects will be reviewed and ranked by BWSR staff (wetland specialists, wetland leadership team, engineering and technical services) and the wetland bank Interagency Review Team that includes representatives from our resource partners at the Department of Natural Resources, Pollution Control Agency, Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Based on the results of the review, a list of recommended projects and alternates will be composed by the bank coordinator and presented to the Board for final approval.



Schedule (Anticipated)

Dec 2012 – BWSR Board approval of the process

January 2013 – Program sign-up and RFP

April/May 2013 – Project reviews

June/July 2013 – BWSR Board approval of projects

NEW BUSINESS

1. Water Governance Study Recommendations – John Linc Stine, MPCA –
INFORMATION ITEM
2. CWF RIM Reserve Edge Area Eligibility and Sign-Up Procedures –
Gene Tiedemann and Tabor Hoek – ***DECISION ITEM***



BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Water Governance Evaluation Report

Meeting Date: December 12, 2012

Agenda Category: ☐ Committee Recommendation ☒ New Business ☐ Old Business
Item Type: ☐ Decision ☐ Discussion ☒ Information

Section/Region: _____

Contact: John Jaschke

Prepared by: John Jaschke

Reviewed by: N/A Committee(s)

Presented by: John Linc Stine, MPCA Commissioner

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Attachments: ☐ Resolution ☐ Order ☐ Map ☒ Other Supporting Information

Fiscal/Policy Impact

- ☒ None ☐ General Fund Budget
☐ Amended Policy Requested ☐ Capital Budget
☐ New Policy Requested ☐ Outdoor Heritage Fund Budget
☐ Other: _____ ☐ Clean Water Fund Budget

ACTION REQUESTED

LINKS TO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

SUMMARY (Consider: history, reason for consideration now, alternatives evaluated, basis for recommendation)

The statutory requirement for this report is found in Minnesota Session Laws, 1st Special Session, Chapter 2, Article 4, Section 33, which reads:

EVALUATION REQUIRED

- (a) The Pollution Control Agency, in conjunction with other water agencies and the University of Minnesota, shall evaluate water-related statutes, rules, and governing structures to streamline, strengthen, and improve sustainable water management.
- (b) The Pollution Control Agency must submit the study results and make recommendations to agencies listed under paragraph (a) and to the chairs and ranking minority party members of the senate and house of representatives committees having primary jurisdiction over environment and natural resources policy and finance no later than January 15, 2013.



BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: RIM CWF Wellhead Additional \$1M For Edge Areas

Meeting Date: December 12, 2012

Agenda Category: ☒ Committee Recommendation ☒ New Business ☐ Old Business
Item Type: ☒ Decision ☐ Discussion ☐ Information

Section/Region: Conservation Easements

Contact: Tim Koehler

Prepared by: Tim Koehler

Reviewed by: RIM Reserve Management Planning Committee(s)

Presented by: Tabor Hoek

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Attachments: ☒ Resolution ☐ Order ☐ Map ☒ Other Supporting Information

Fiscal/Policy Impact

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| <input type="checkbox"/> None | <input type="checkbox"/> General Fund Budget |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amended Policy Requested | <input type="checkbox"/> Capital Budget |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Policy Requested | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Heritage Fund Budget |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clean Water Fund Budget |

ACTION REQUESTED

The Board is requested to approve the recommendation of the RRMPC to authorize staff to work with the SWCD's in Goodhue, Olmsted, Wabasha and Winona Counties to implement the acquisition of RIM Reserve Wellhead Protection and Edge Area easements in the targeted areas with the highest priority being on the Decorah Bedrock Edge Areas.

LINKS TO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

SUMMARY *(Consider: history, reason for consideration now, alternatives evaluated, basis for recommendation)*

The RRMPC met on November 28, 2012 to review and recommend that the Conservation Easement Section Manager work to successfully implement additions to the RIM Reserve CWF Wellhead Protection Initiative. This new resolution addresses the \$1 million of additional appropriation and the inclusion of Bedrock Edge areas in Goodhue, Olmsted, Wabasha and Winona Counties as eligible areas as a part of the CWF Wellhead Protection Initiative.

Board Resolution #_____

Establish Eligibility and Sign-up Procedures for Additional \$1 Million Allocation of Clean Water Funded Permanent RIM Reserve Edge Areas Added to the Wellhead Protection Easement Program

WHEREAS the Minnesota State Legislature appropriated \$2.6 million of Clean Water Funds (CWF) to the Board of Water & Soil Resources (BWSR) in the 2011, 1st Special Session Law Chapter 6, Article 2, Section 7(f) Board of Water and Soil Resources, to purchase and restore permanent RIM Reserve Conservation easements on wellhead protection areas under Minnesota Statutes, section 130F.515, subd.2, paragraph (d);

WHEREAS the Minnesota State Legislature appropriated an additional \$1 million of CWF to the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) in Session Law 2012, Chapter 264, Sec. 3. that amended Session Laws 2011, First Special Session chapter 6, Article 2, Section 7(f) to the previously appropriated \$2.6 million;

WHEREAS the Minnesota State Legislature in the second appropriation also allowed funds to be used in the Decorah and St. Lawrence Edge areas of Winona, Goodhue, Olmsted, and Wabasha counties after coordination with the United State Geological Survey (USGS), the commissioners of health and natural resources, and local communities;

WHEREAS by previous Board Resolution #11-19 the Permanent RIM Reserve easement payment rate for cropland and non-cropland has been established;

WHEREAS by previous Board Resolution #11-70 the Eligibility and Sign-up procedures for the original \$2.6 million appropriation was established;

WHEREAS BWSR coordinated with USGS, the Minnesota Geological Survey, Minnesota Department of Health, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, local counties and SWCD's to define eligibility criteria and identify priority areas in the four county area;

WHEREAS local SWCD's in the four counties have identified priority areas within their counties that will receive focused outreach assistance to secure applications for potential RIM Reserve easements;

WHEREAS the Reinvest in Minnesota (RIM) Reserve conservation easement program is administered by the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) in cooperation with local Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD);

WHEREAS the SWCDs will be reimbursed for their services related to wellhead protection and edge areas easement acquisition and conservation plan development at the BWSR's current RIM services rate;

WHEREAS a priority will be placed on extending new or existing USDA Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) contracts within the WPA or edge areas and will be limited to areas with the majority of the offer having cropping history; and

WHEREAS the BWSR RIM Reserve Management Planning Committee met on November 28, 2012 to review and recommend the following provision to successfully implement the additional \$1 million for the RIM Reserve Wellhead Protection Conservation Easement Program including the inclusion of bedrock edge areas in the four designated counties as now being eligible;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources authorizes staff to work with the SWCD's in Goodhue, Olmsted, Wabasha and Winona to implement the acquisition of RIM Reserve Wellhead Protection and Edge Area easements in the targeted areas with the highest priority being on Decorah Bedrock Edge Areas.

Dated at Saint Paul, Minnesota this 12th day of December 2012

MINNESOTA BOARD OF WATER AND SOIL RESOURCES

By: _____

Brian Napstad, Chair

Board of Water and Soil Resources



RIM Reserve Clean Water Fund- Decorah/St. Lawrence Edge SWCD Program Guidance

DRAFT- 11/5/12

Introduction

Up to \$2.3M available for FY2013 with Decorah Shale/St. Lawrence edge focus and ongoing Wellhead Protection Areas covered under separate guidance.

The intent of this guidance document is to outline the enrollment criteria and conditions that will govern the landowner application sign-up for this RIM Reserve conservation easement program on eligible Sensitive Groundwater areas in areas of Goodhue, Olmsted, Wabasha and Winona counties. This guidance should be considered additive to existing RIM policy and procedure.

Statute requirements / conditions:

1. Easements will be acquired via the RIM Reserve program (MS 103F.501).
2. Permanent easements only.
3. Enrollment must occur in the most vulnerable areas of Decorah Shale and St. Lawrence Edge that contribute to groundwater contamination.
4. Eligible land must have been owned by the landowner for 1 year prior to application.
5. Eligible landowners – any individual or entity that is not prohibited from owning ag land under MS 500.24 Corporate Farm Law. *Farm corporations need to be certified by the MN Dept. of Agriculture, contact 651-297-2200.*

Sign-up criteria:

1. Continuous sign-up until all available funds are encumbered. Contact BWSR Easement staff for prior approval of the project application. Applications do not need to be ranked or prioritized by the SWCD prior to submittal to BWSR.
2. Must be identified as Decorah or St. Lawrence formation as the uppermost bedrock identified by County Geologic Atlas. Due to lack of information on the St. Lawrence formation, priority will be placed upon the Decorah edge.
3. Buffers at the focused groundwater discharge/recharge areas at the Decorah edge outcroppings are designed to interrupt, intercept and remove nitrogen and other pollutants from shallow groundwater flows and seep discharge.
4. Focus enrollment on areas with crop history or expiring CRP. Additional acres of non crop can be added to capture any non crop wetland recharge areas or to square off the boundary. Compensation limited to 50% of the eligible cropland acres.
5. Minimum adjacent buffer width of 100ft upslope and downslope. Maximum extent determined by onsite investigation of site to enroll sufficient upslope catchment area and downslope recharge zone.

6. May extend the end of contour to end of the field.
7. May include whole field where greater than 75% of the field is eligible or less than 1 acre remains.
8. Minimum acreage size 10ac. unless prior approval from easement staff.
9. Use easement numbering xx-xx-12-10.

Easement Payment rates

Annually the BWSR establishes payment rates for easement programs. See the most current rate table for this information. Cropland is defined as cropped to an annually planted crop 2 of the last 5 years. CRP with previous crop history is considered cropland for this sign-up. Payment rates will be provided to SWCDs.

Conservation Practice Payments

For land in existing CRP contracts, no changes in vegetative cover will be required unless agreed by all parties. These practice areas should be listed as RR1b Introduced Grasses already established or RR 2b Native Grasses already established on the Conservation Easement Practice Payment Worksheet (CEPPW) form. Any new or re-establishment seeding is eligible for up to 100% of practice costs not to exceed \$300/ac. These new planting practice areas should be listed as RR 2a Native Grasses to be established on the CEPPW.

Forms and items needed to complete the RIM application materials

A complete application package containing all the items listed in the document titled '*RIM Reserve application materials to submit for CWL buffers and wellhead protection easements*' should be prepared and submitted directly to BWSR St. Paul RIM staff. DO NOT SEND TO YOUR BWSR Board Conservationist.